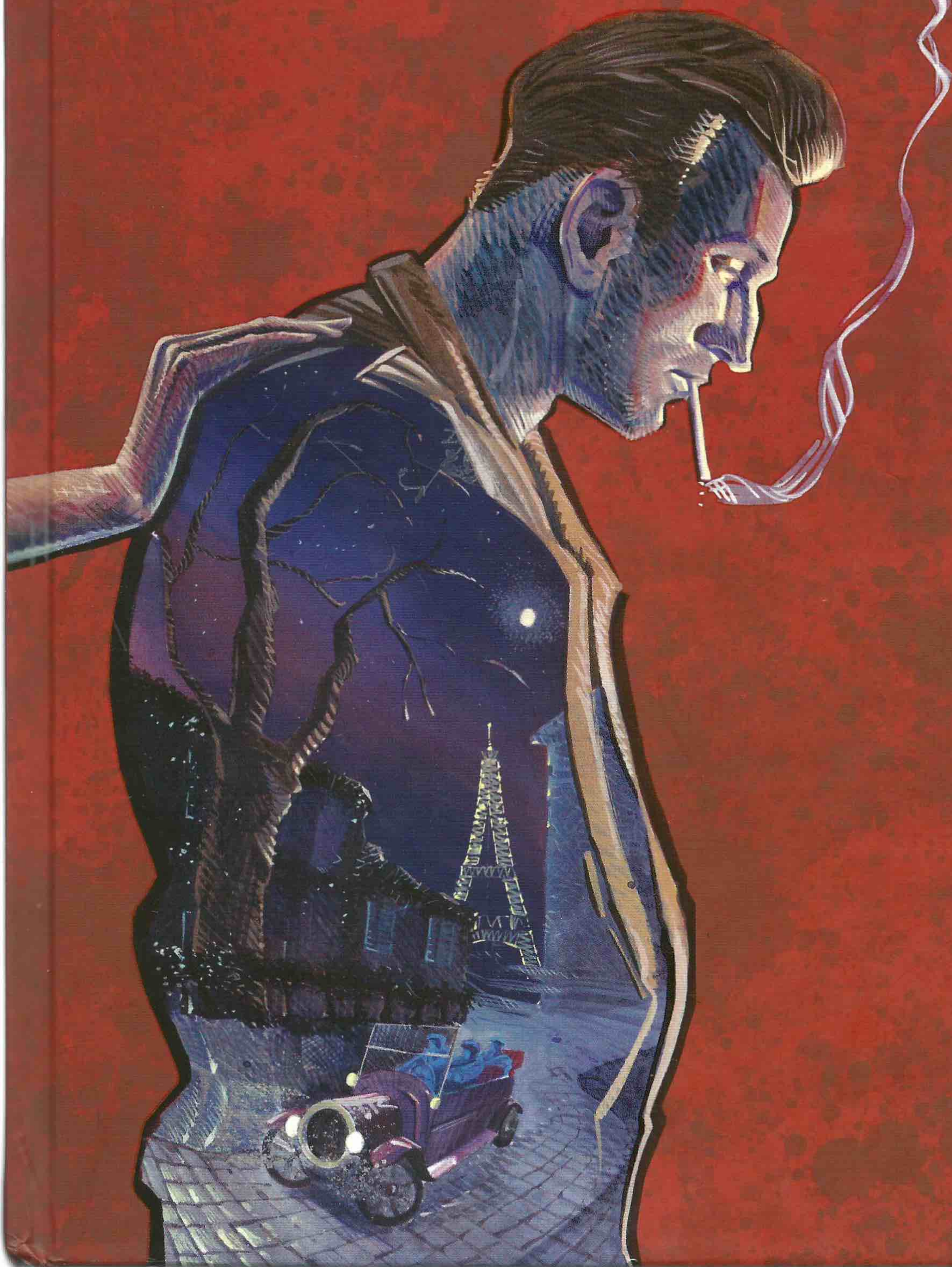
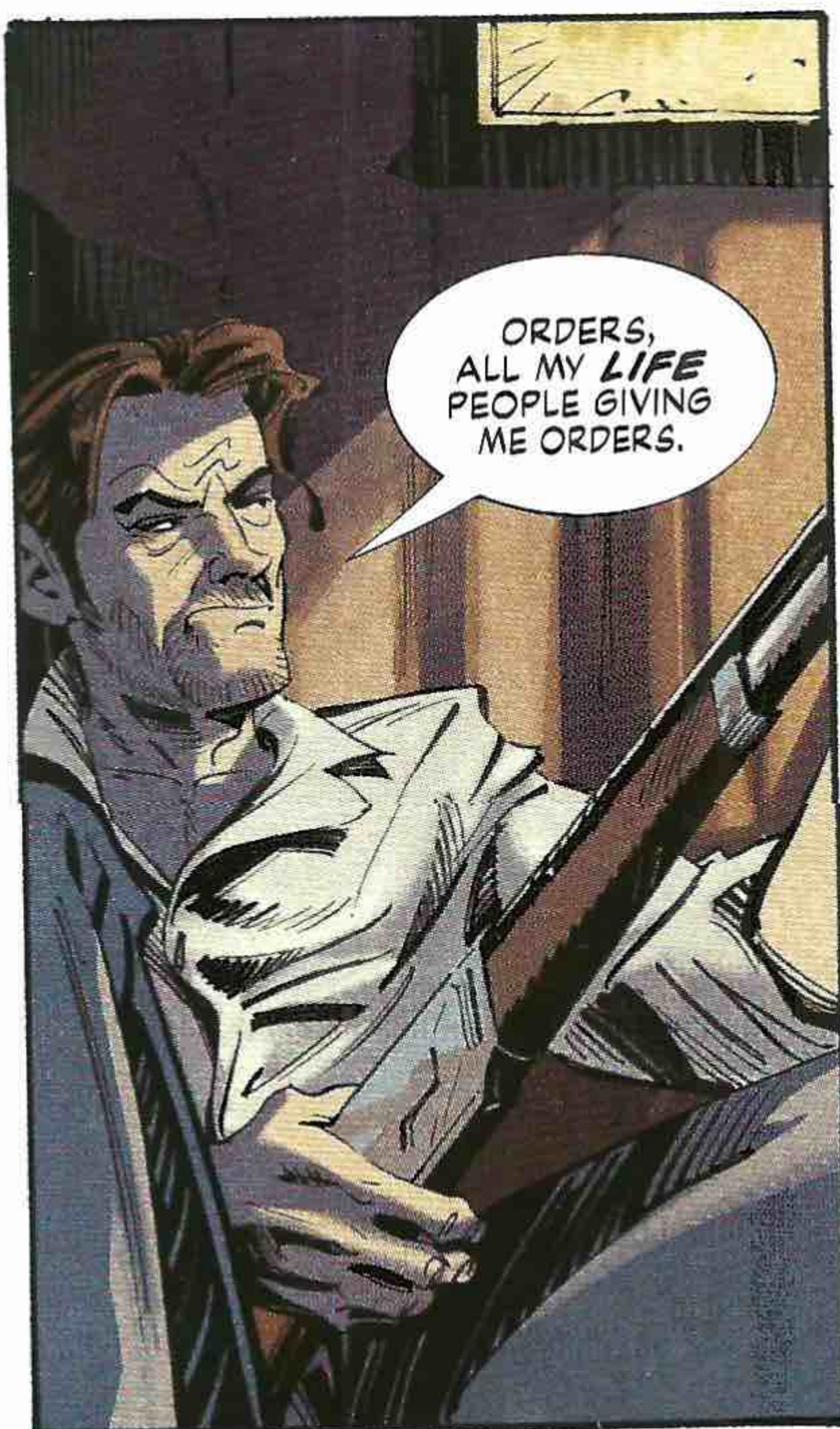


The ILLEGALISTS

Attila Futaki • Laura Pierce • Stefan Vogel





Paris: 1910

BONNOT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ADMIRING MY WORK.

WANT ME TO MARK YOUR CARDS?

I DIDN'T THINK SO.

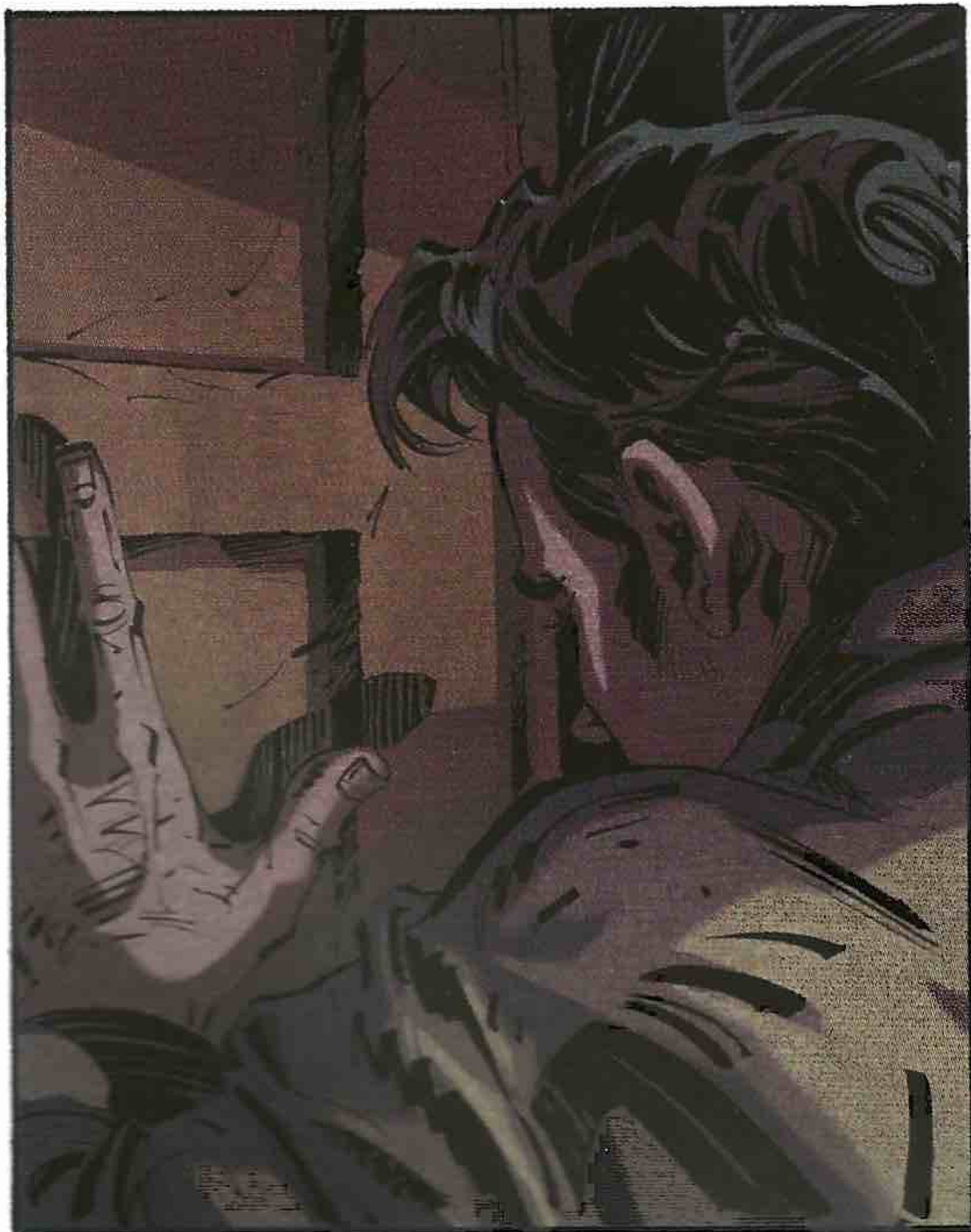
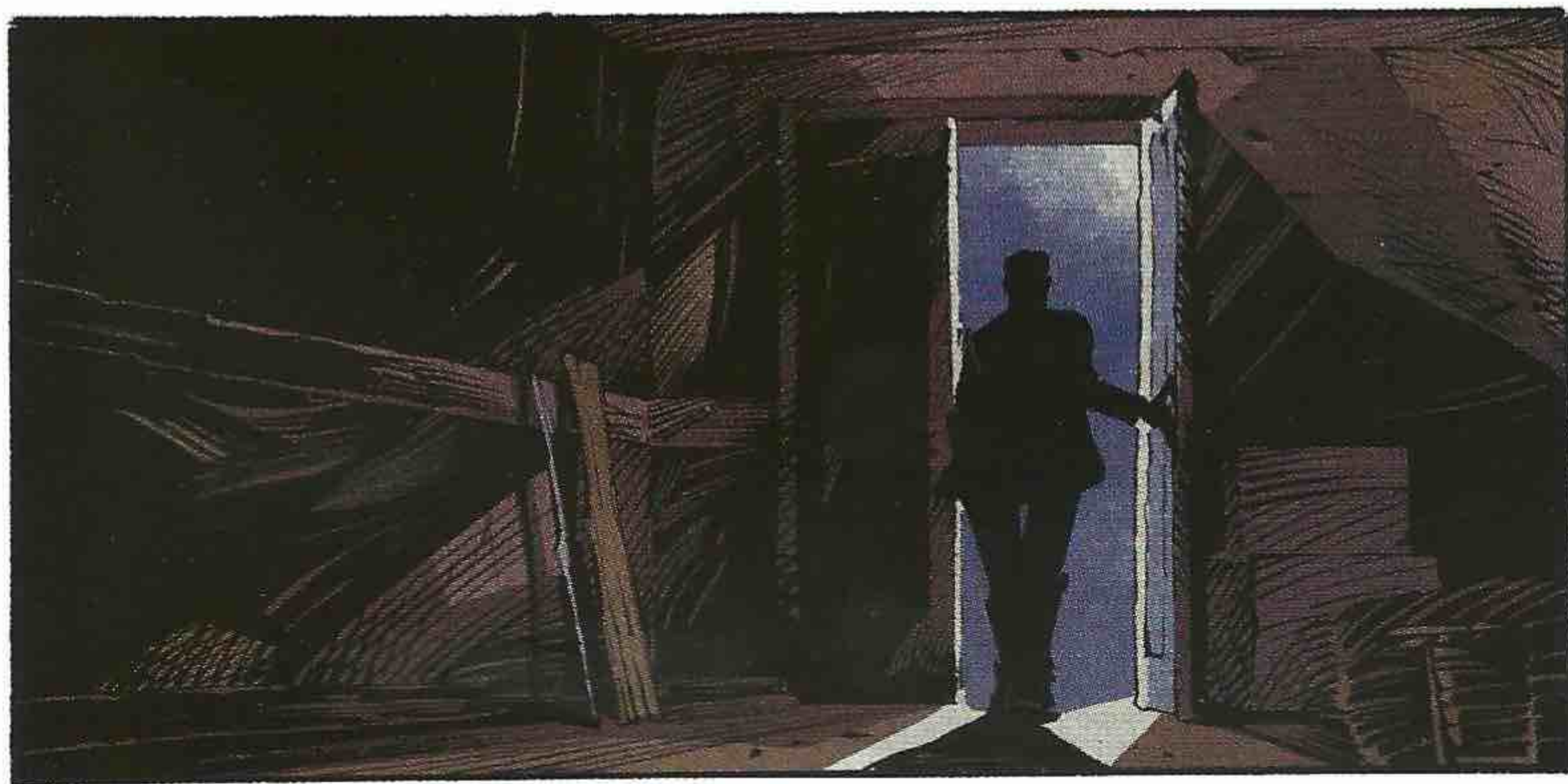
ME AND YOU.

WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM THOSE STARS.

DUBOIS, PLEASE, I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE...

THERE'S A **MEETING** TOMORROW.







FOR ME?



FOR YOU.

HORSEY!

YES, THAT'S RIGHT. HORSE.



YOU'LL SPOIL HIM.

GOD, I HOPE SO.

COUGH MY HORSEY. COUGH



YOU'RE DIRTY.

COME ON, JUSTIN. LET'S WASH.

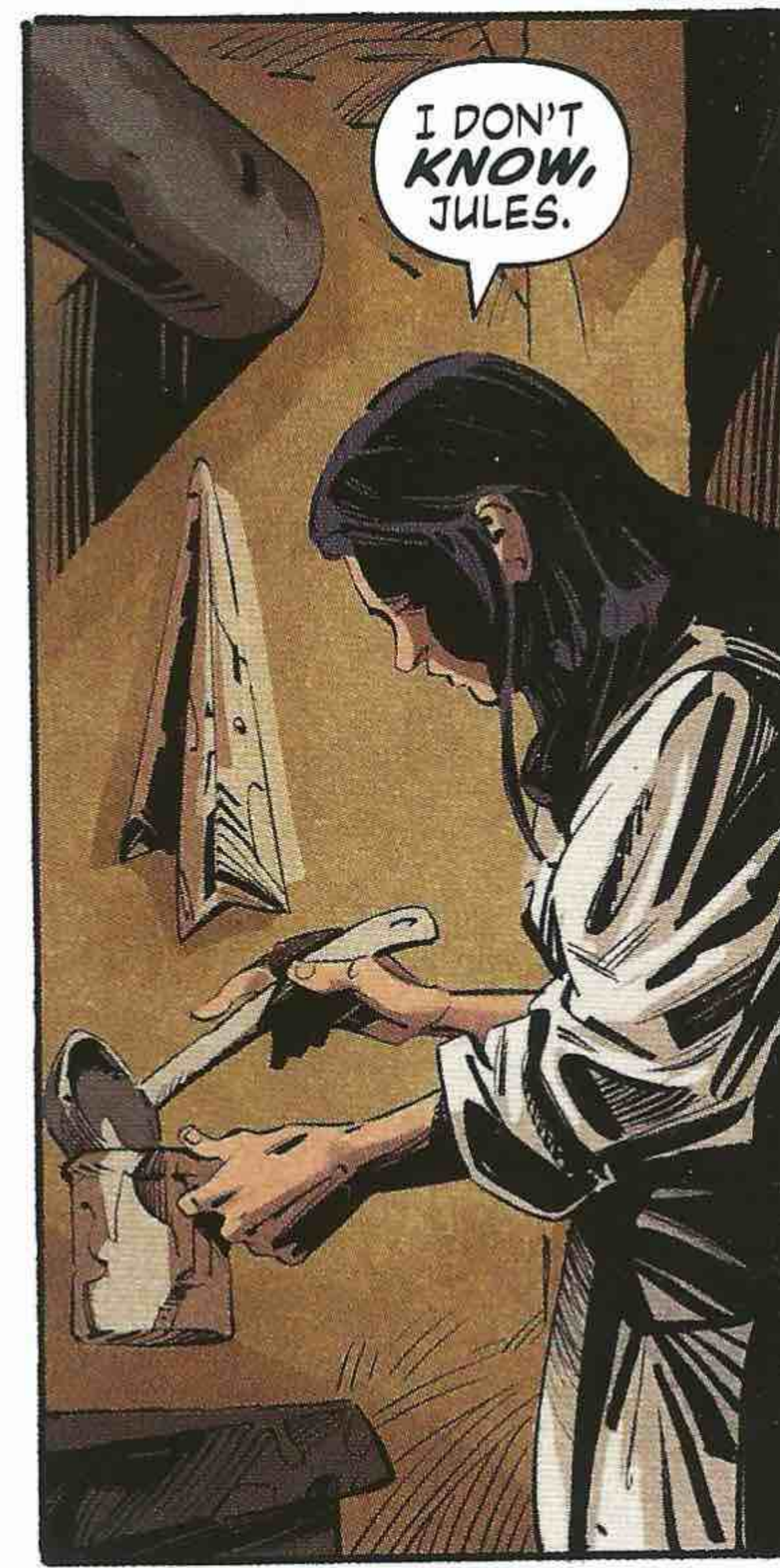
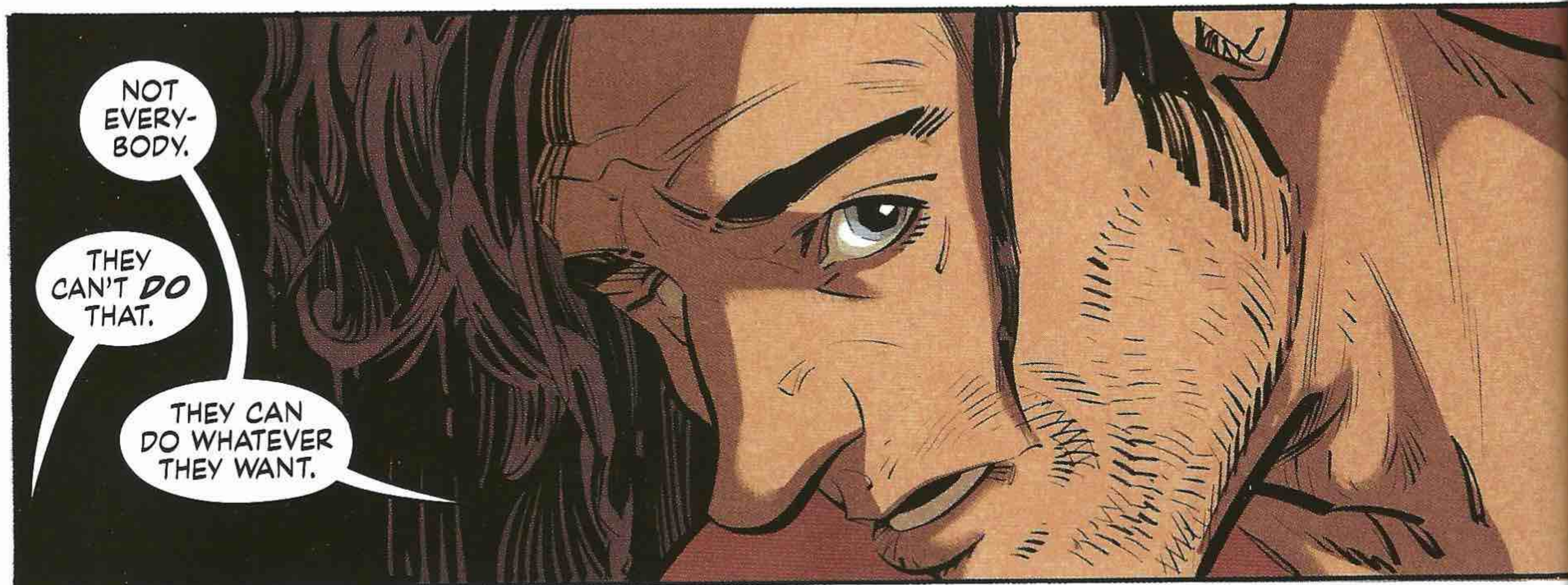


WHY IS YOUR PAY PACKET SHORT?

PRODUCTION WAS **DOWN** THIS WEEK EVERYBODY GOT DOCKED.

NOT EVERYBODY, I WAGER.

NO.





"BUT I AM TIRED OF
LIVING THIS WAY."



IT'S
OUR LATEST
MODEL.

AND
THE BUILD
TIME?

THAT DEPENDS.
THE MODEL CAN BE
CUSTOM BUILT TO YOUR
SPECIFICATIONS. HOW
LONG WOULD YOU
SAY, BONNOT?



GIVE US
A RAISE AND
WE'LL HAVE IT
FOR YOU
TONIGHT.



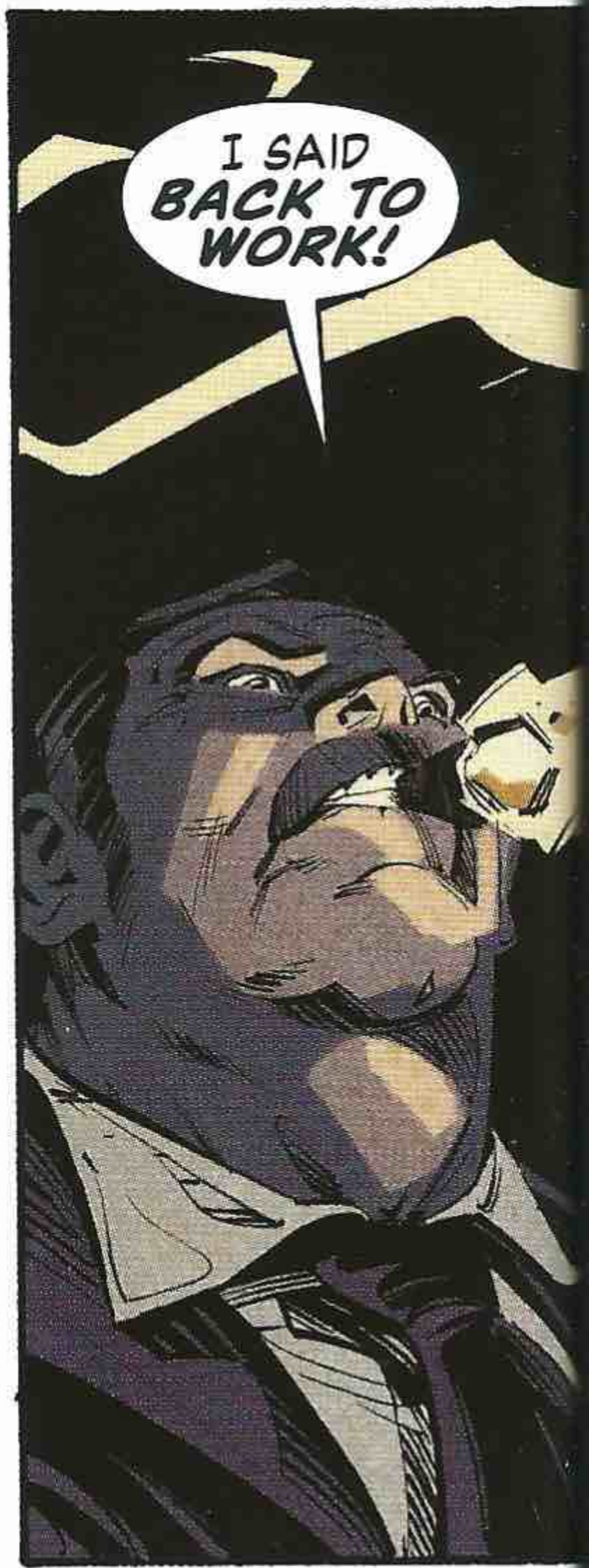
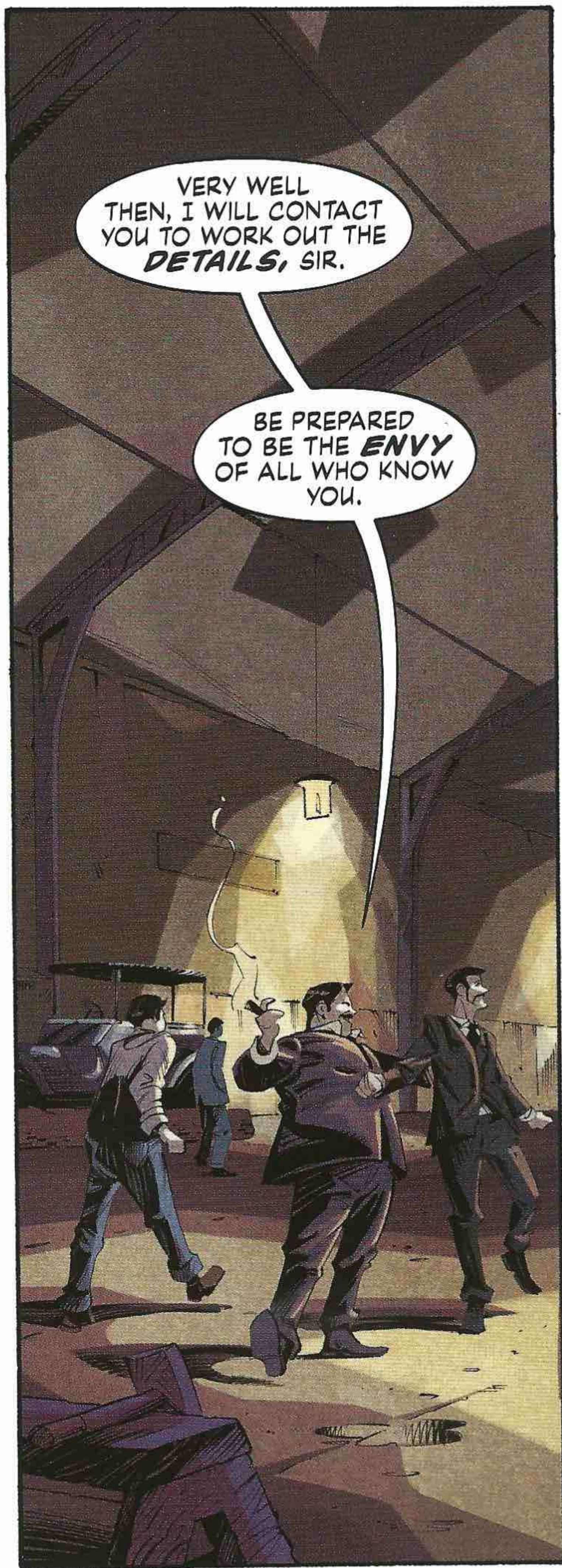
DAMN UNIONS.
PUTTING *IDEAS* IN
THEIR HEADS.

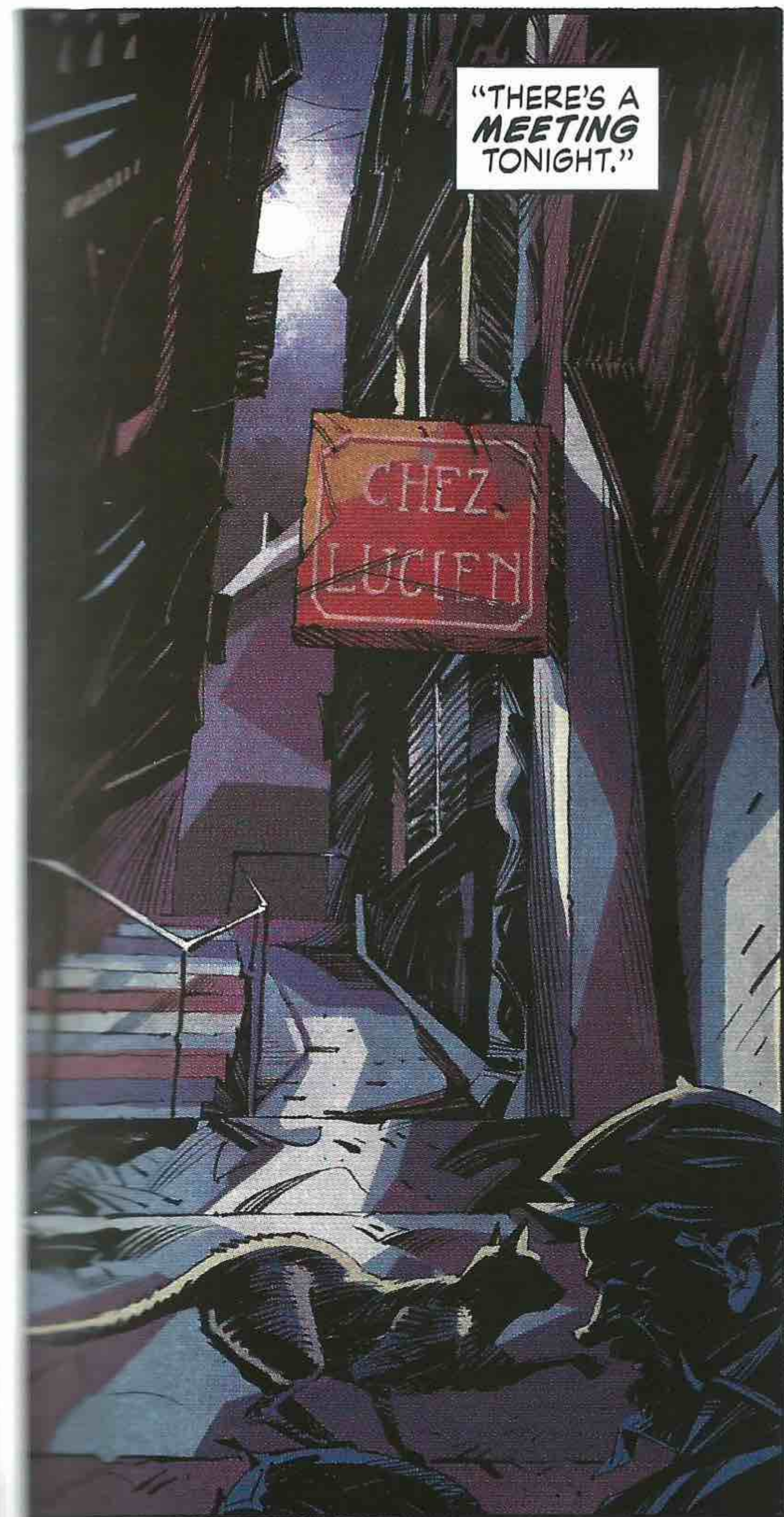
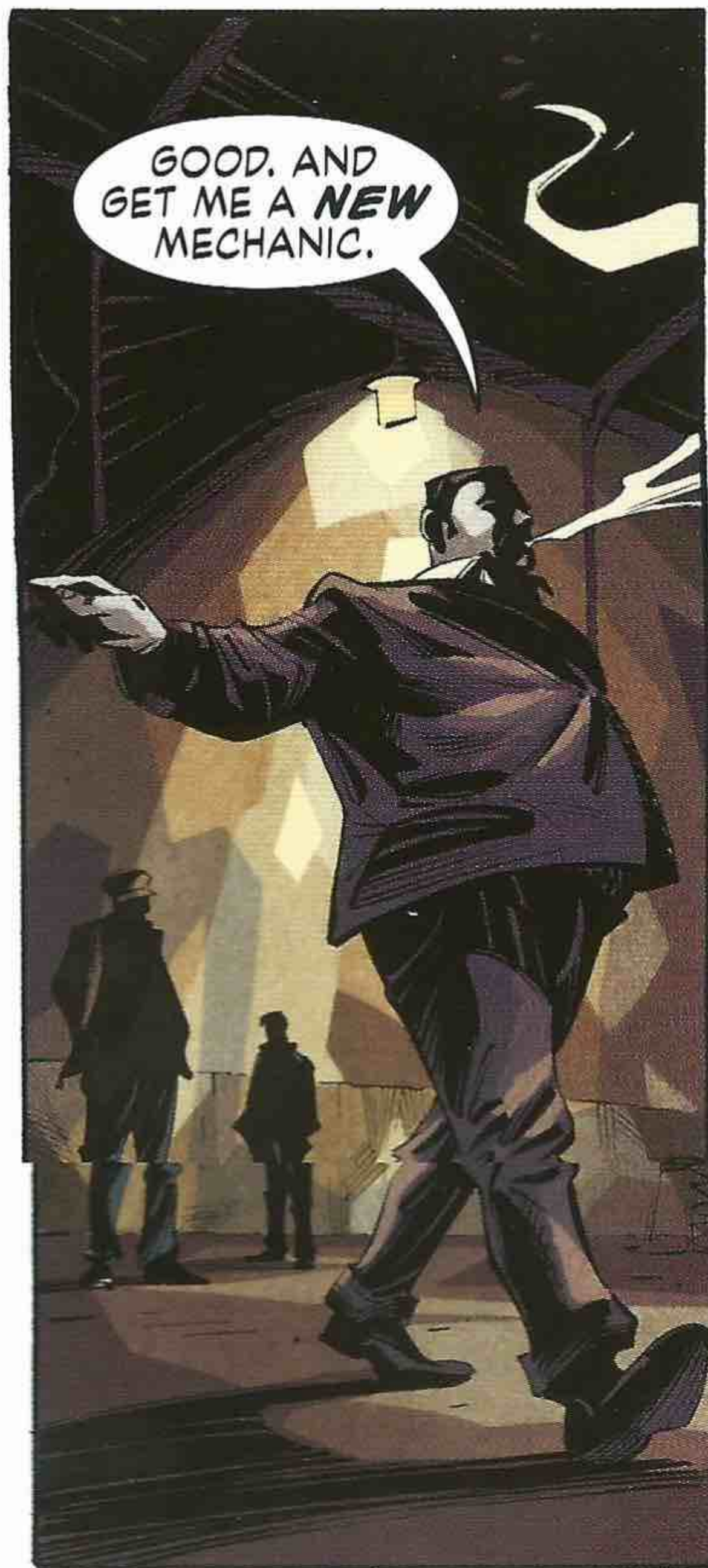


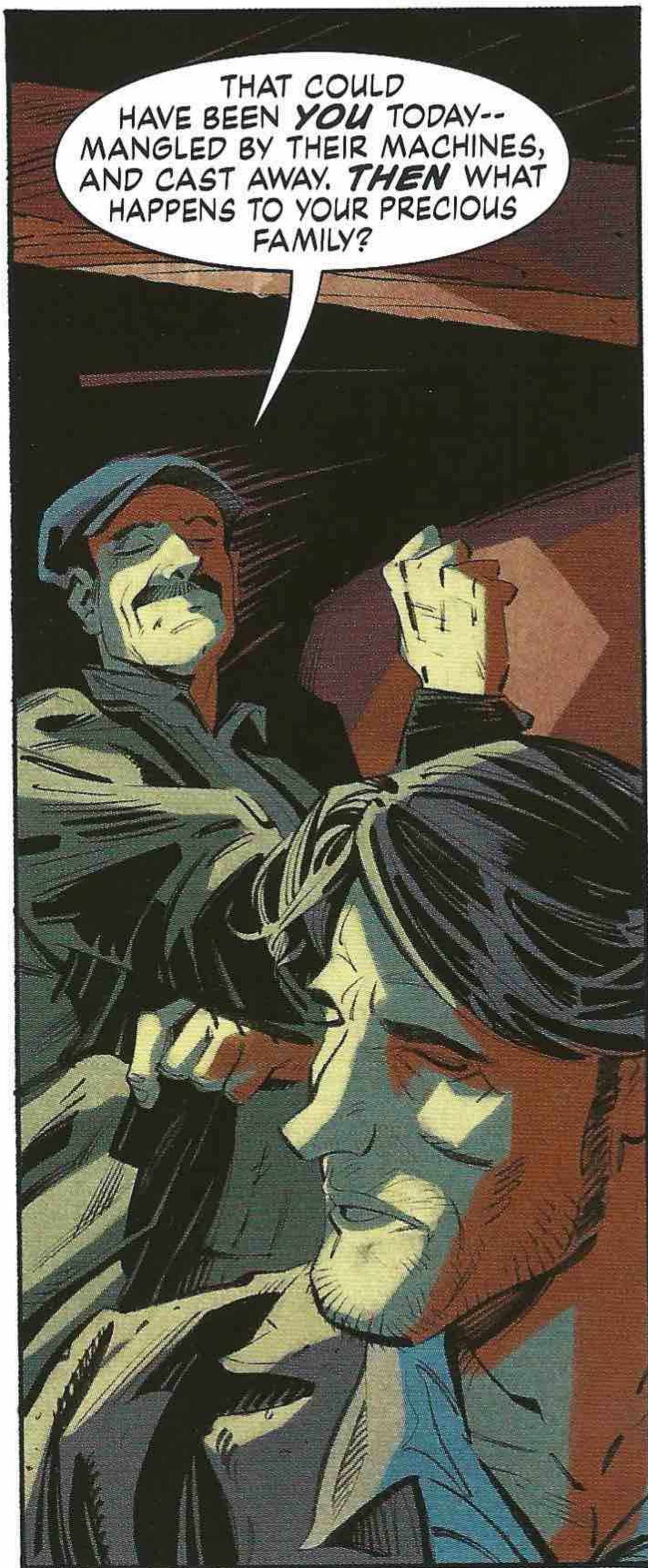
PERHAPS IT'S
TIME SOME OF THEM
LOST THEI--

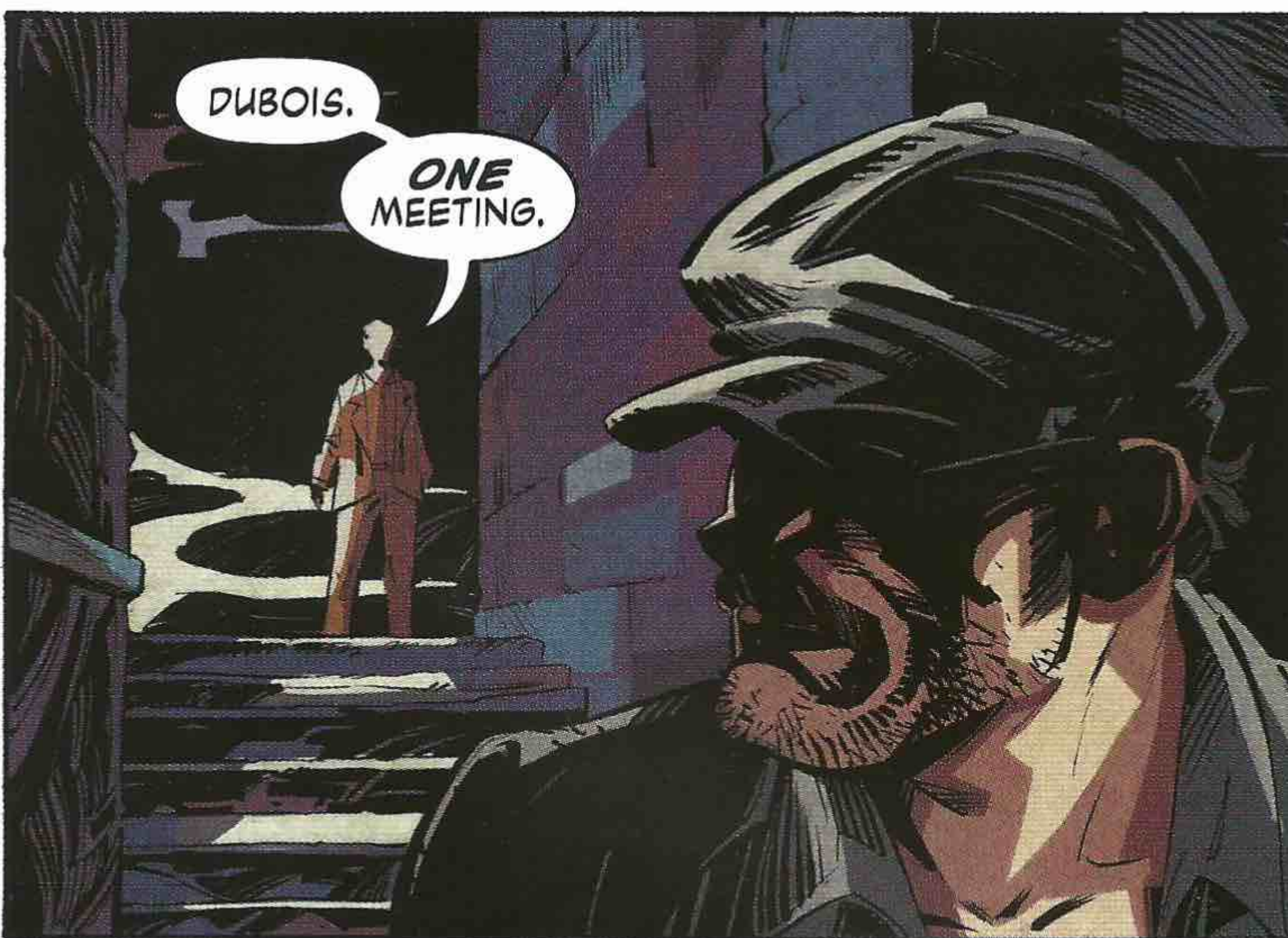
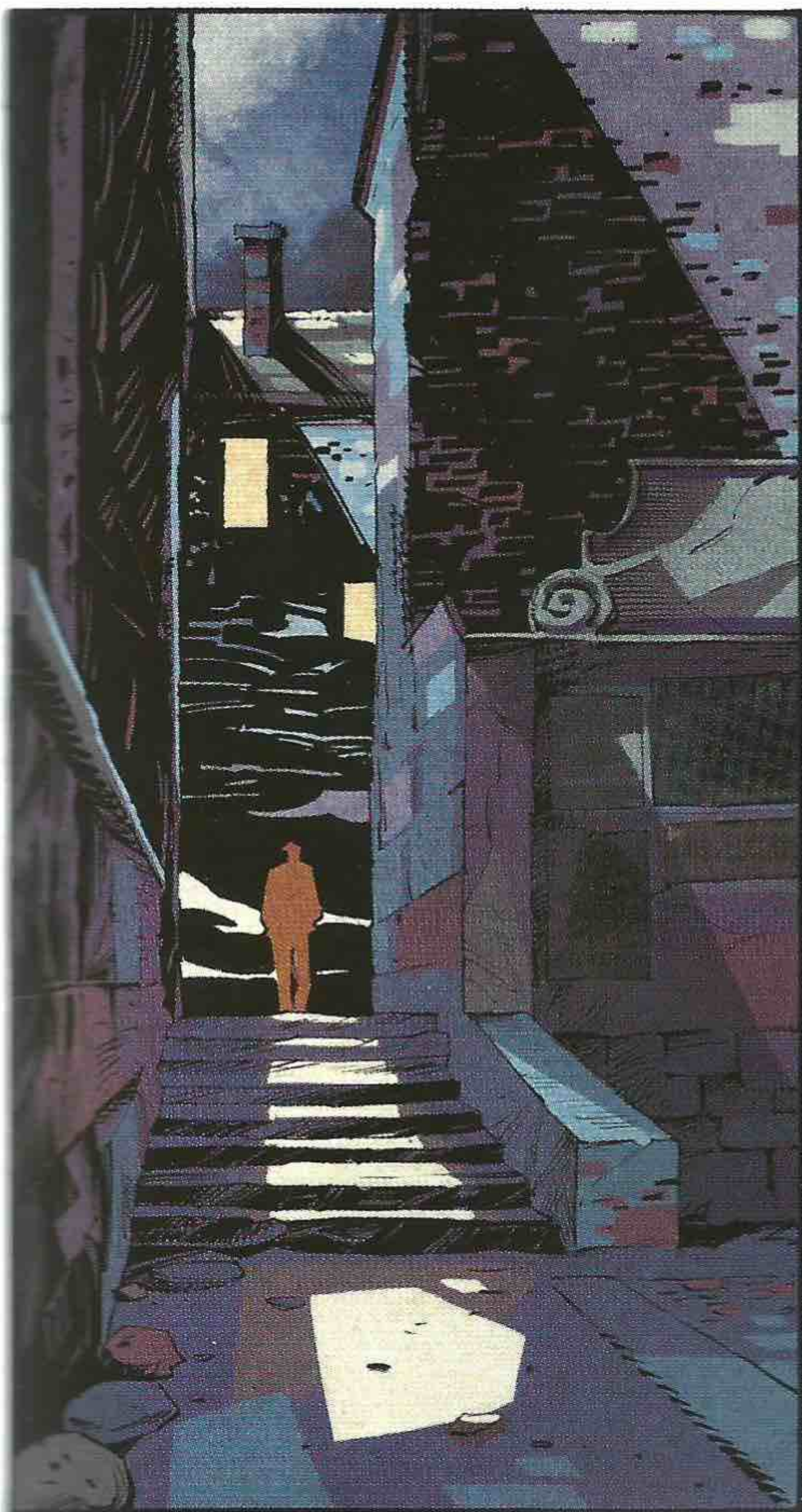
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YYYEEEE!

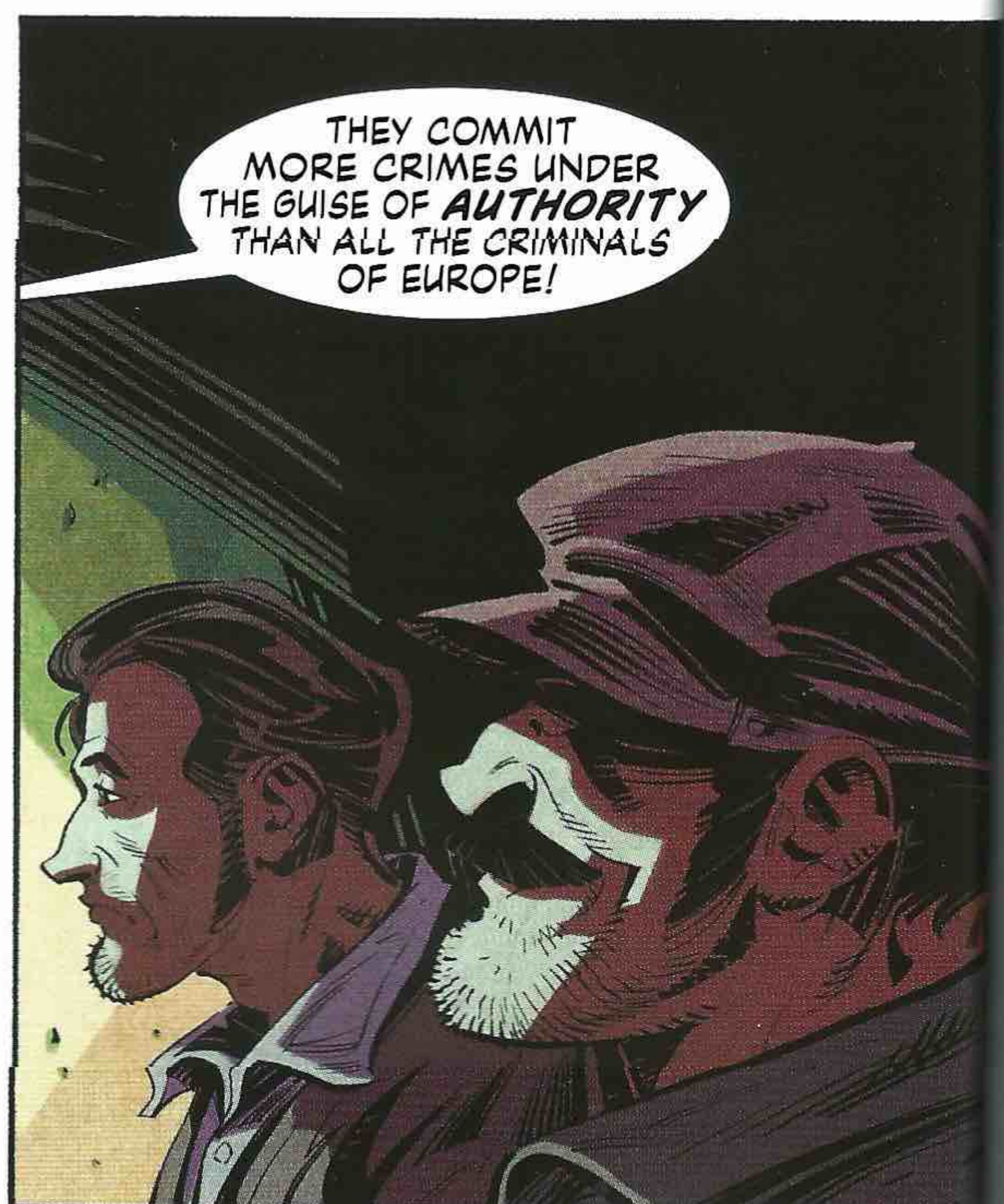
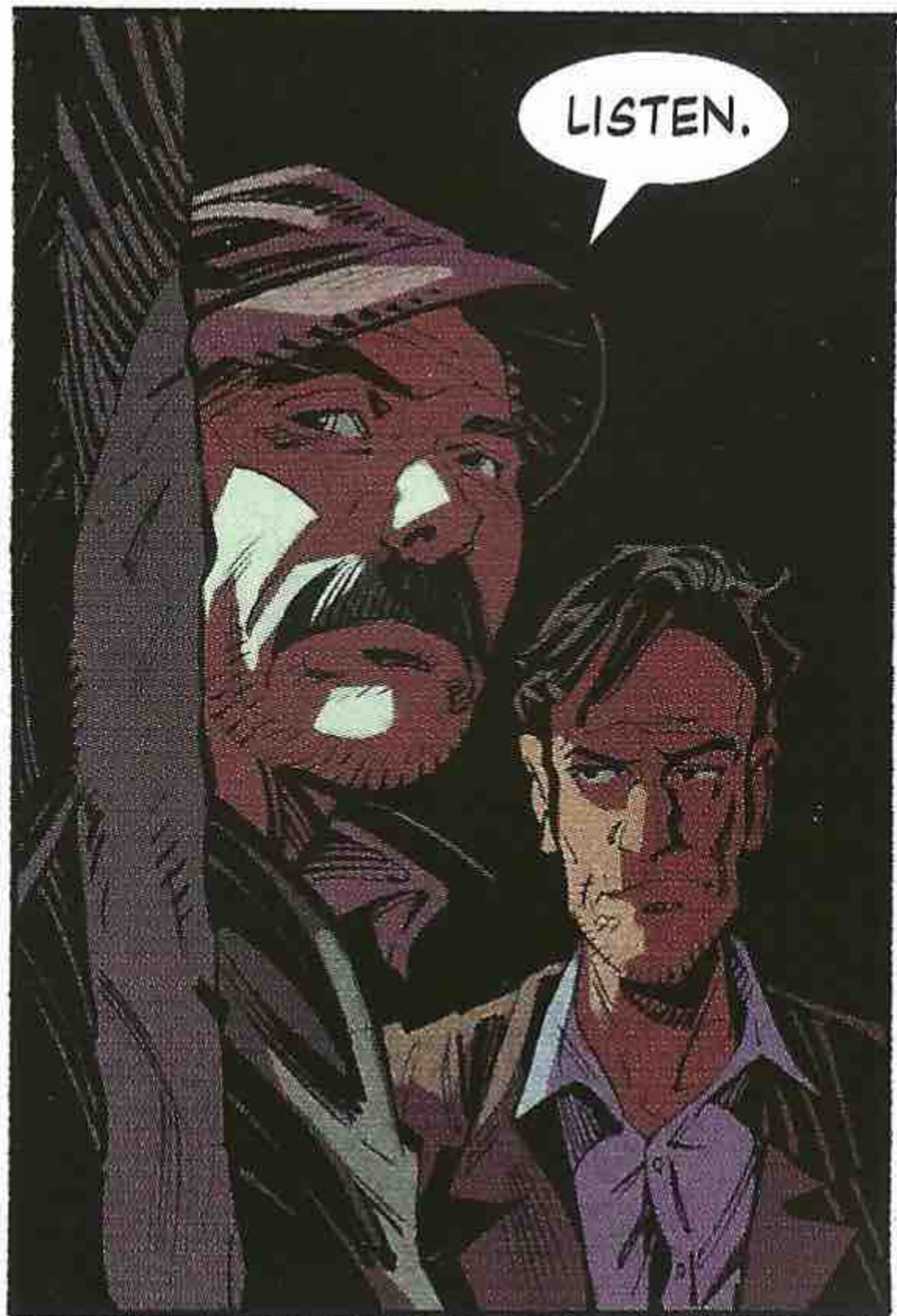
OH,
MY.

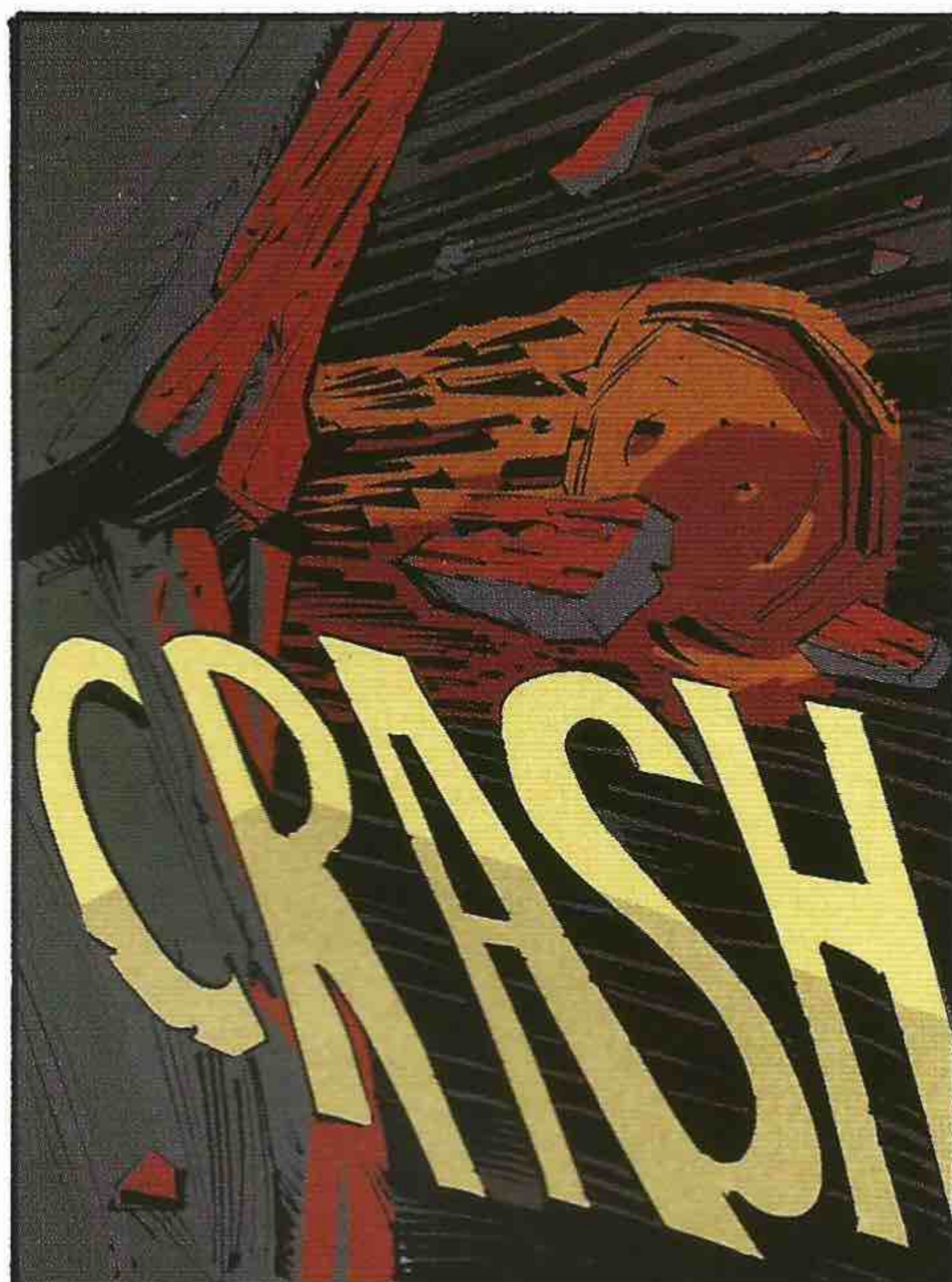
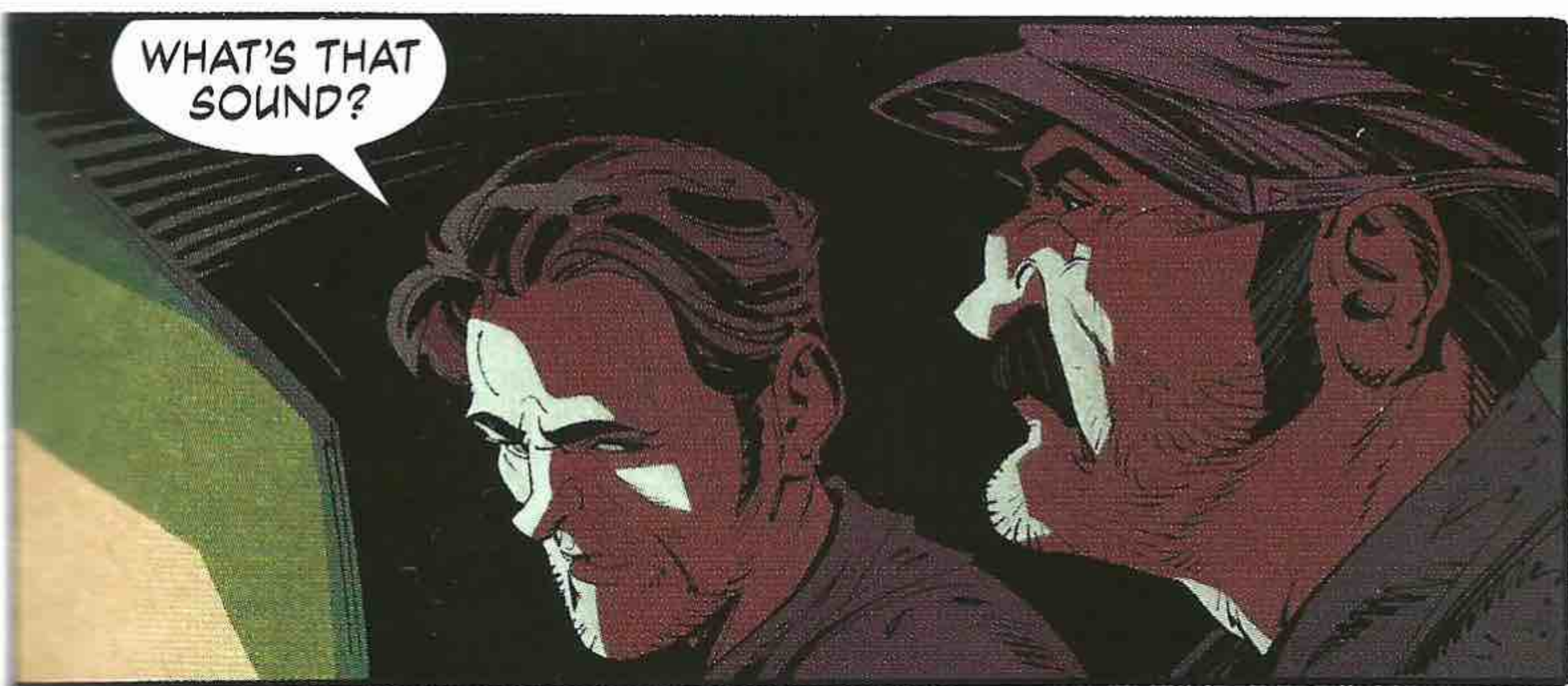




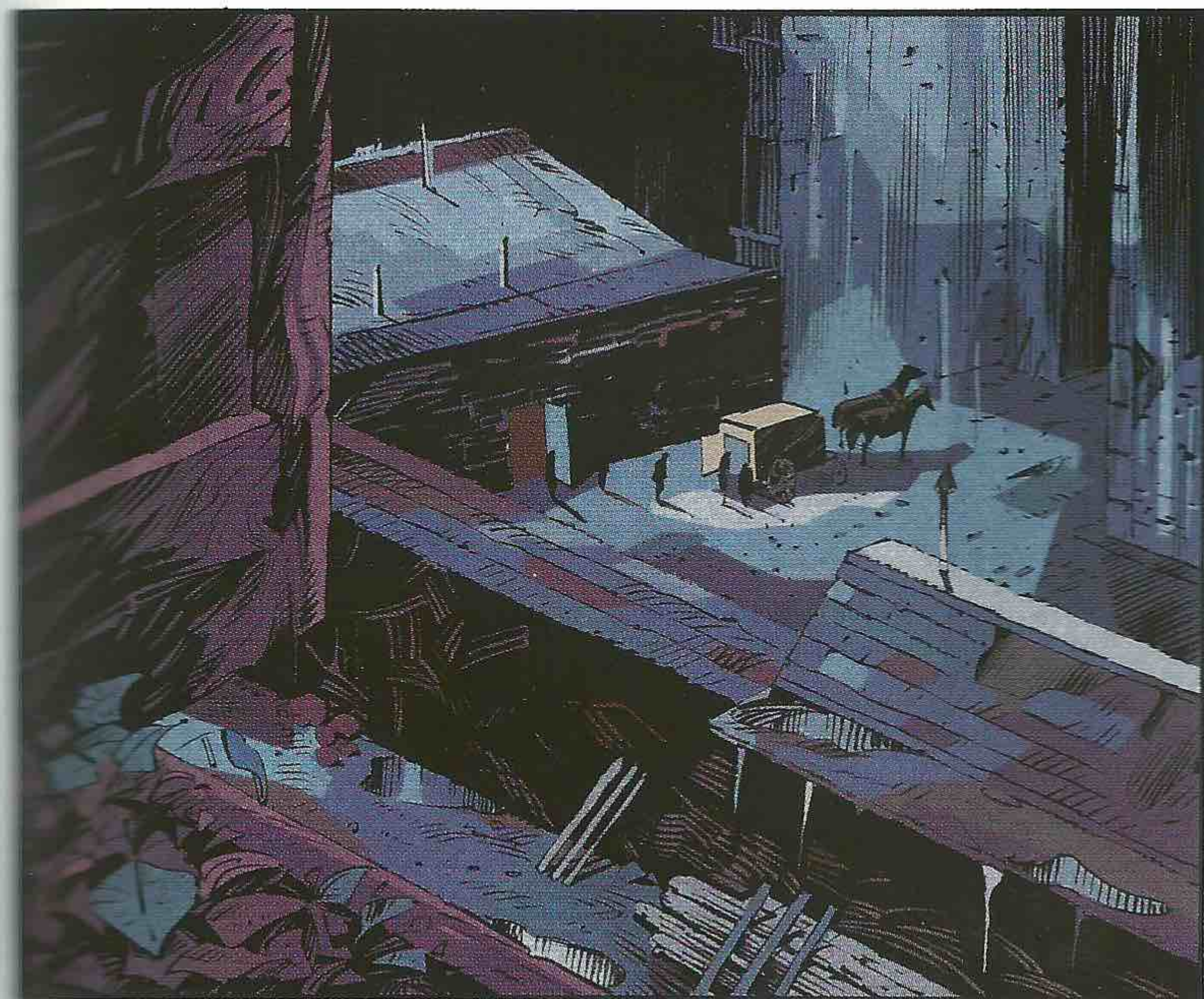




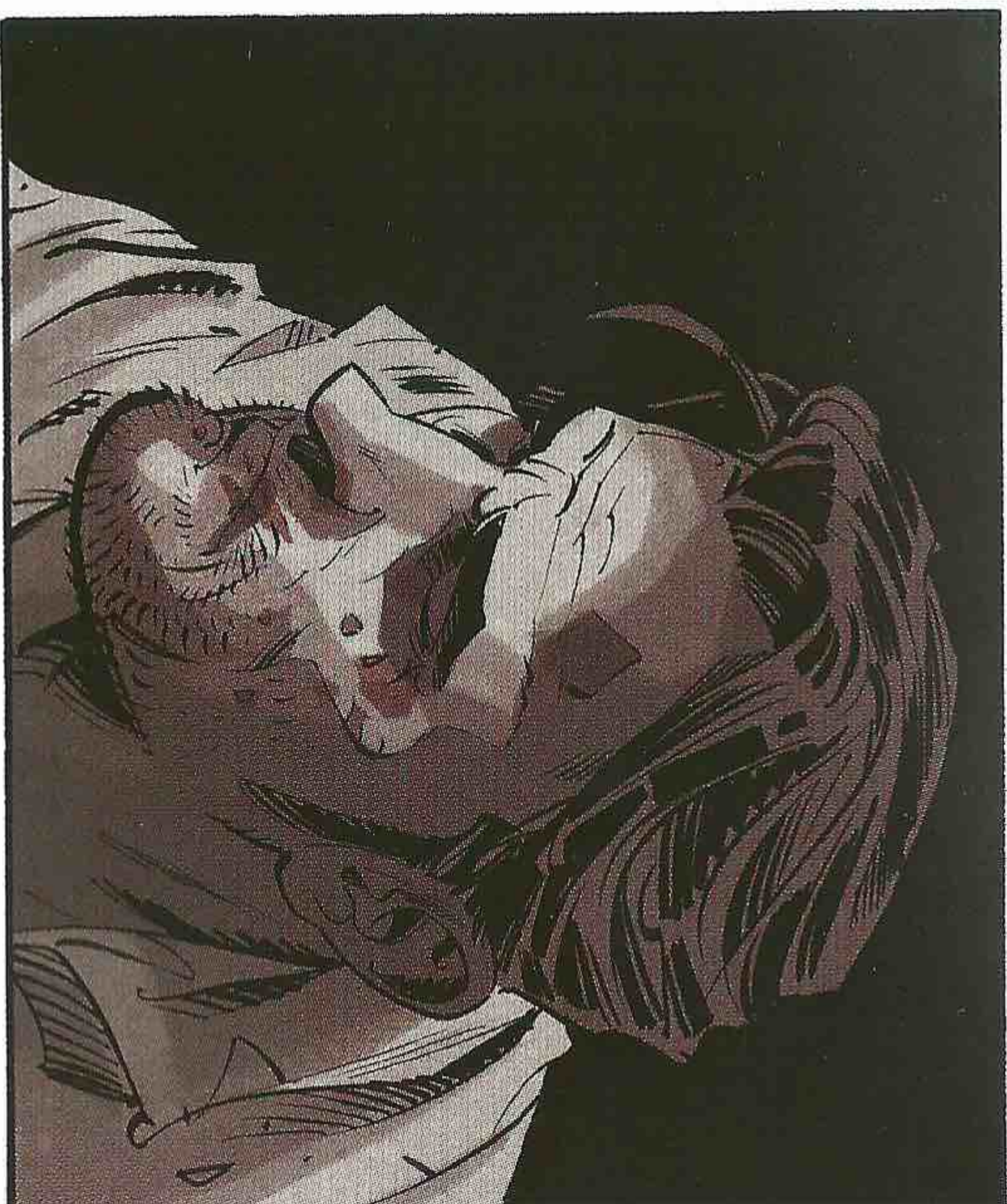
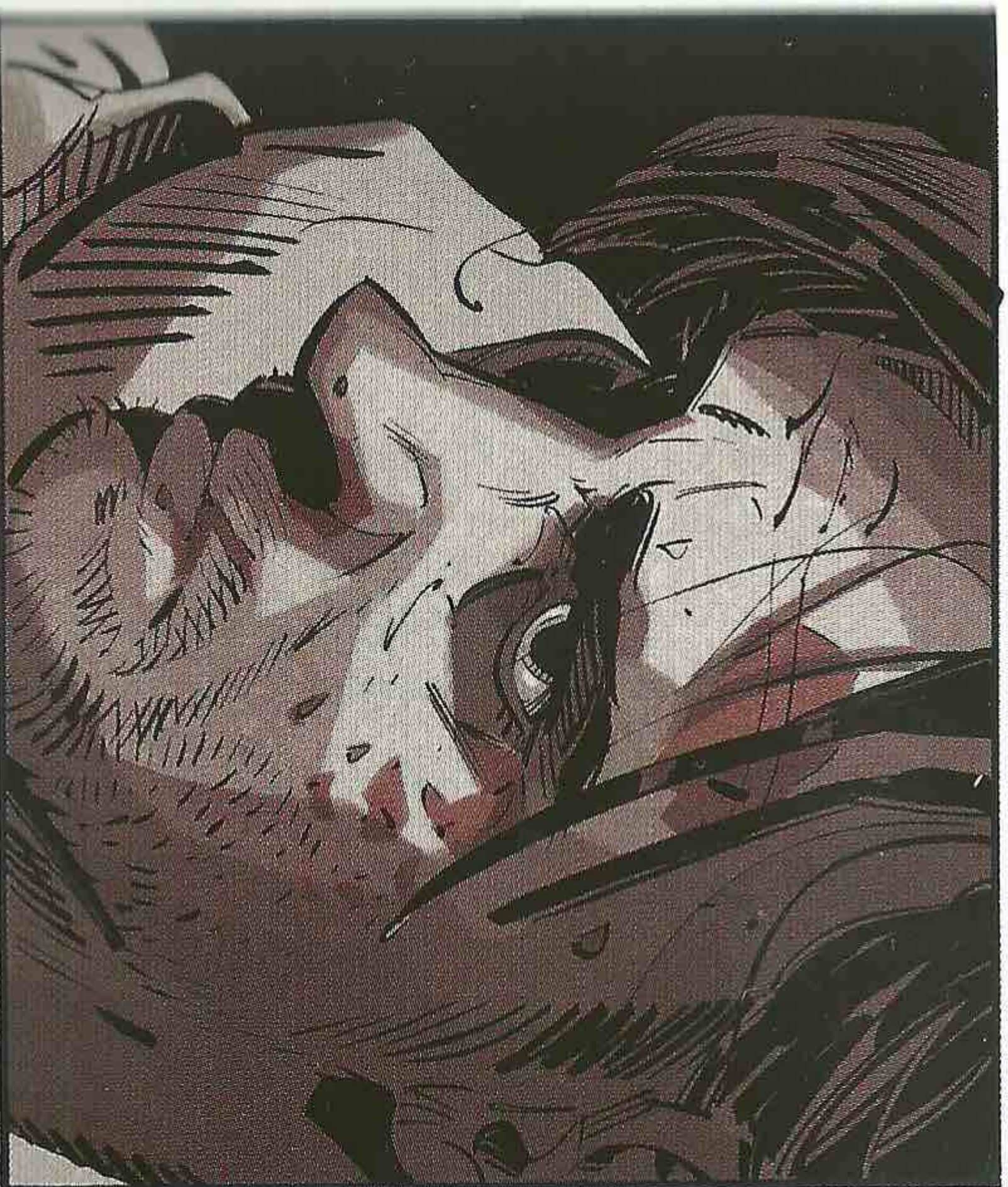














LET'S
SEE...YOU
STOLE SOME
FOOD?



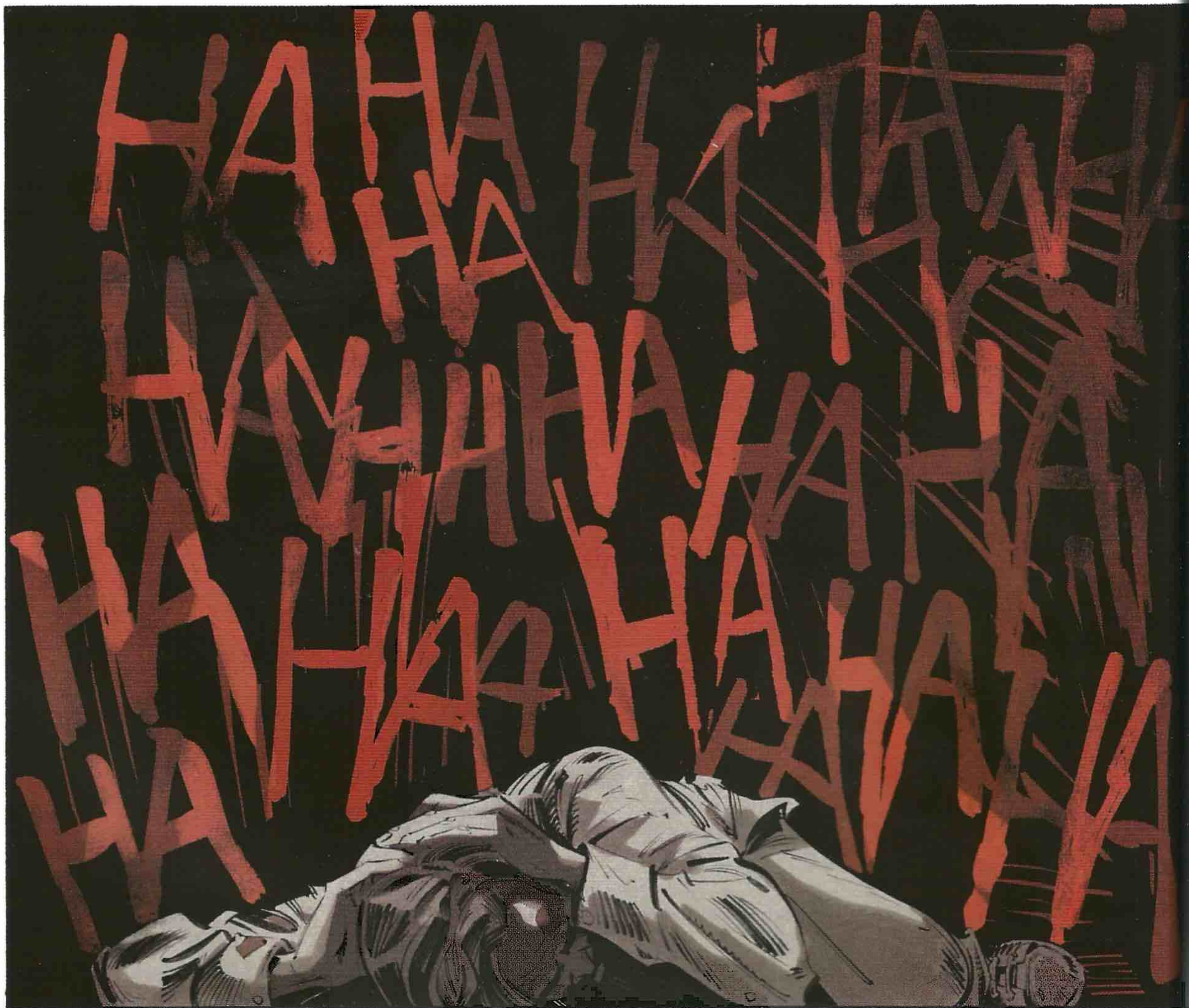
NO?
HMM...
HIT YOUR
BOSS?



NO?
WELL, **WHAT-
EVER** YOU DID
YOU'RE ABOUT TO
FIND OUT...



...JUSTICE
IS ONLY FOR
THE RICH.



Week One



Week Two



Week
Three



GET UP.
TIME TO
GO.

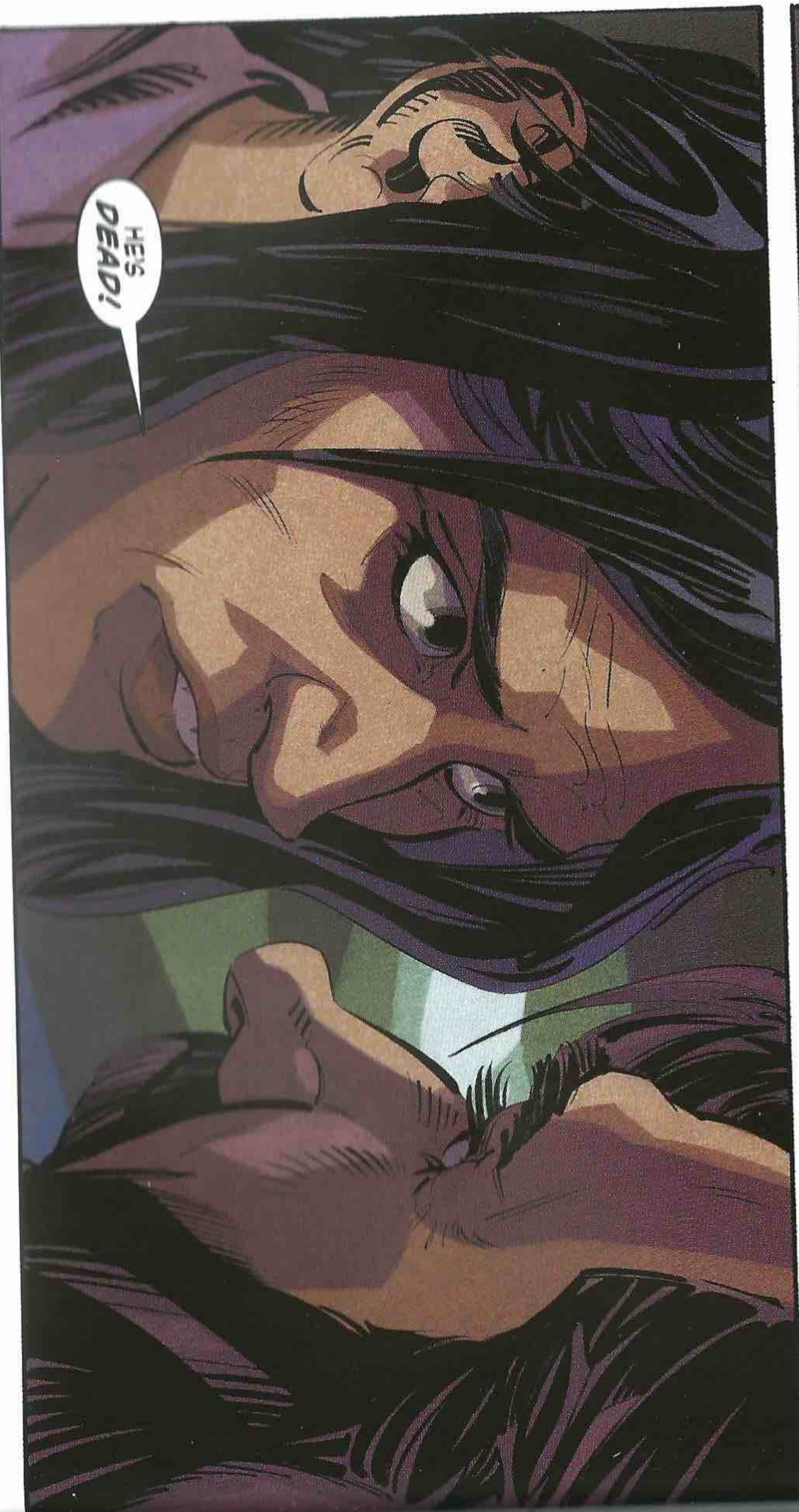
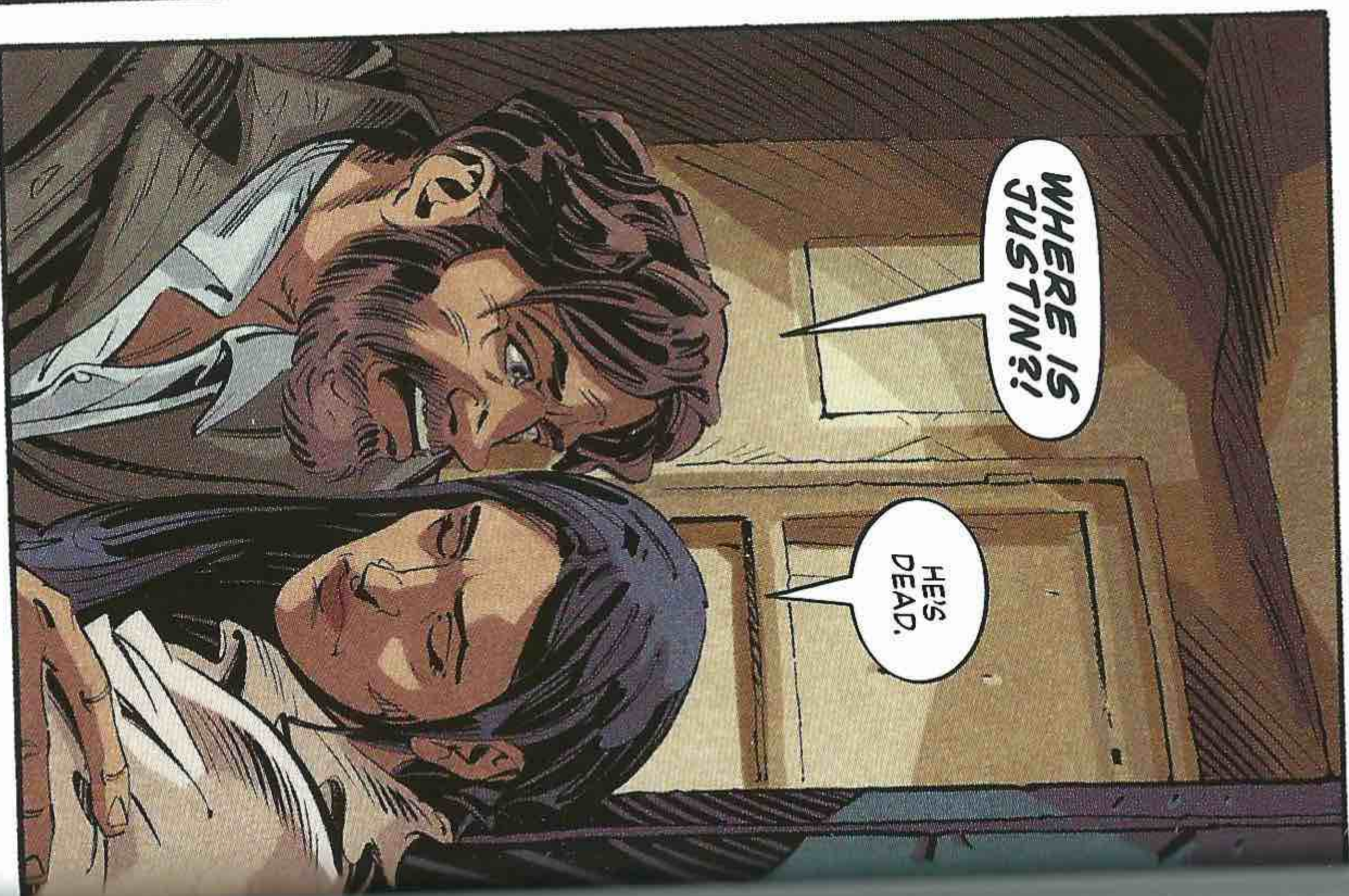


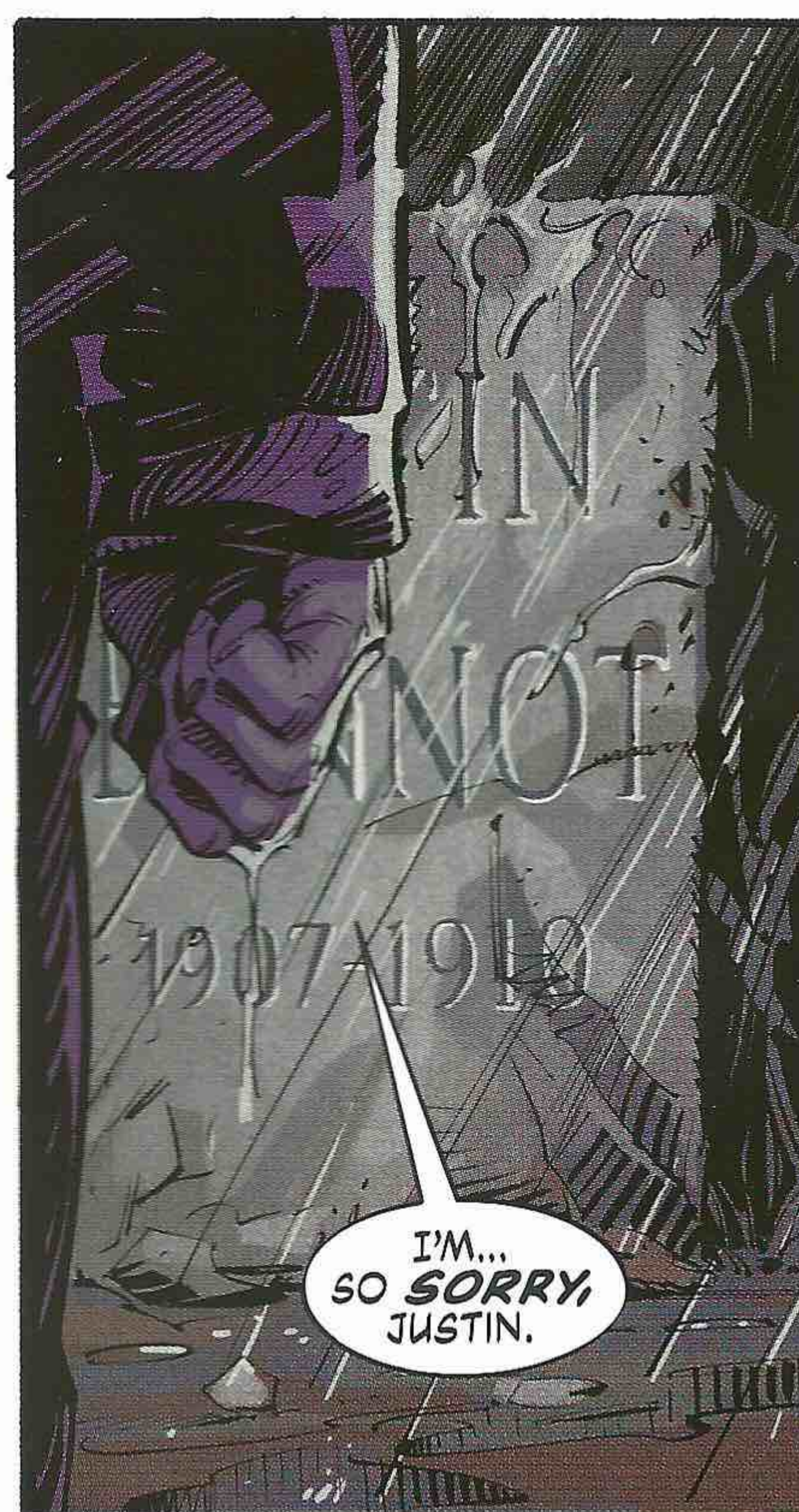
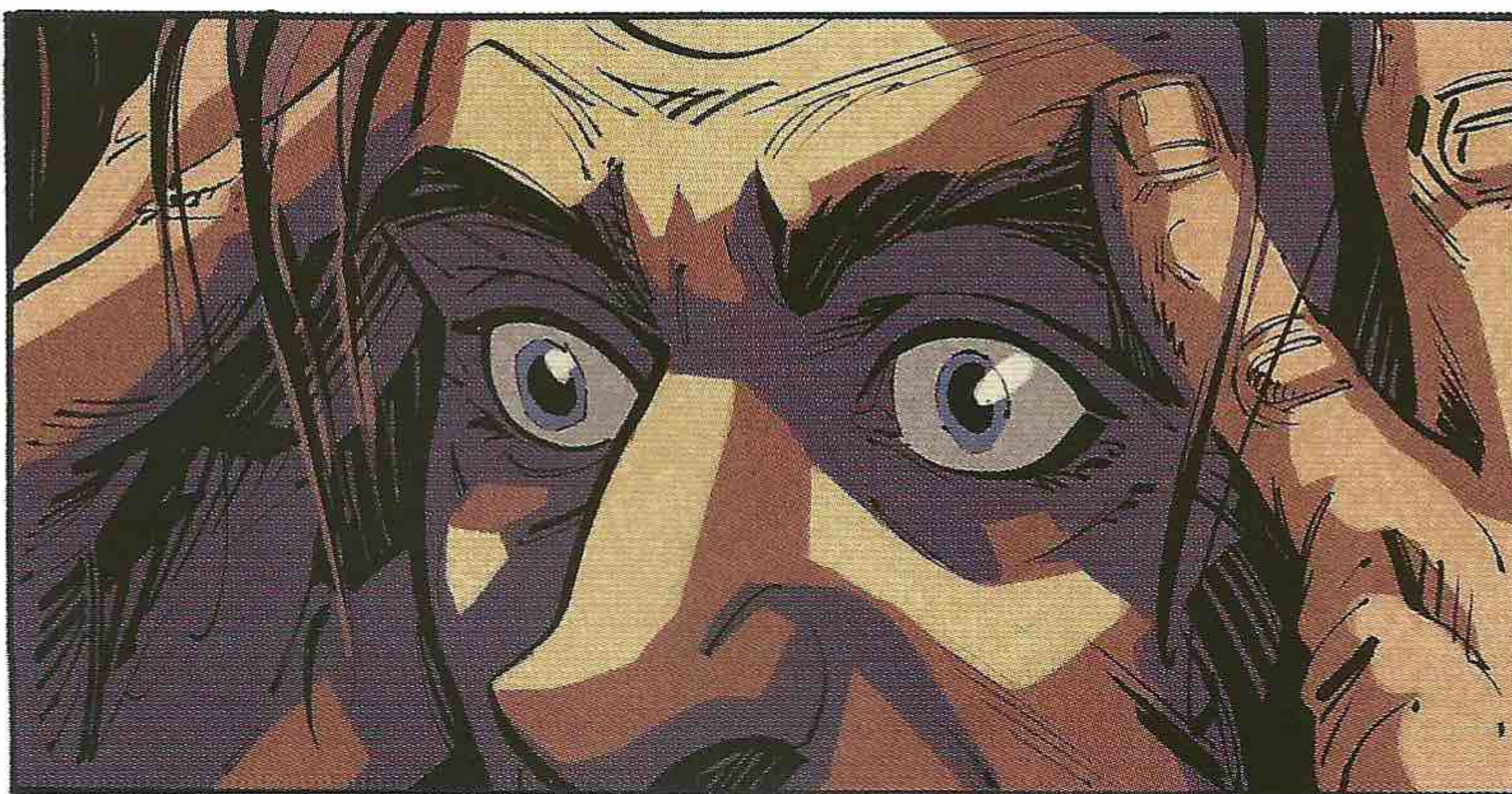


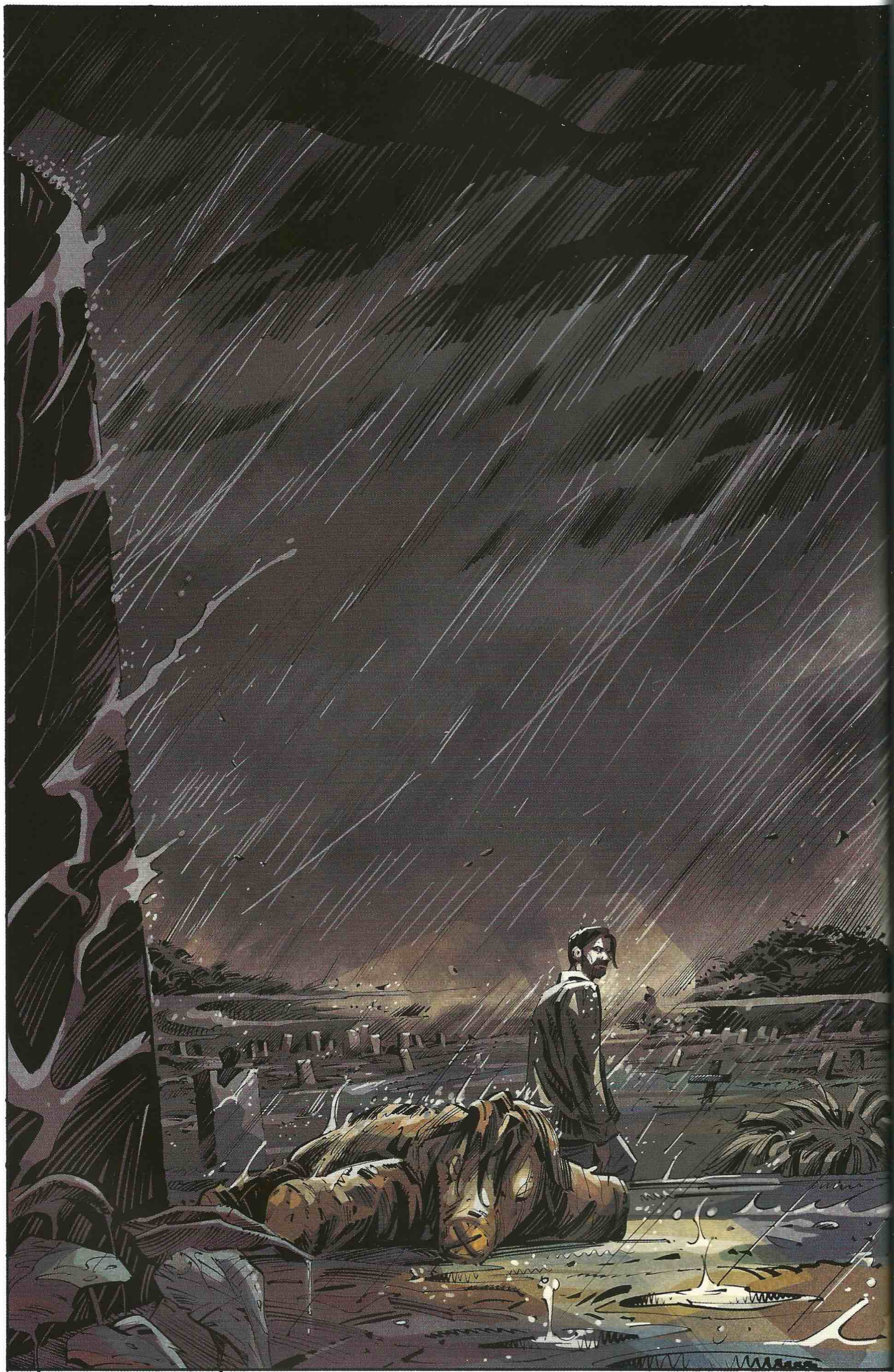


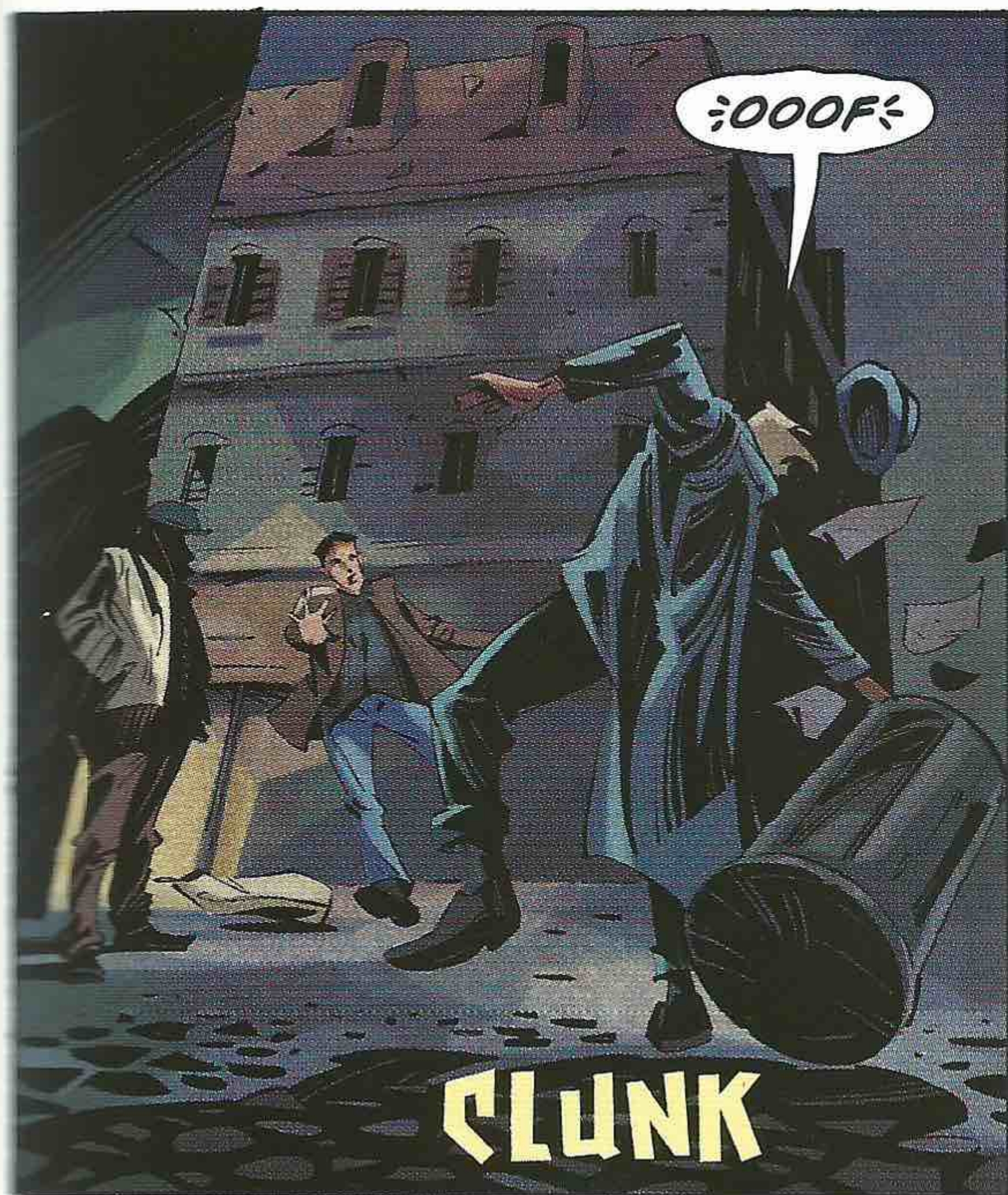














STOP, YOU BASTARD!



DAMN HE'S FAST!



PHEW
NOW LET
ME COUNT MY
RICHES.



BACK OFF!



YOUR CON
NEEDS SOME
WORK.

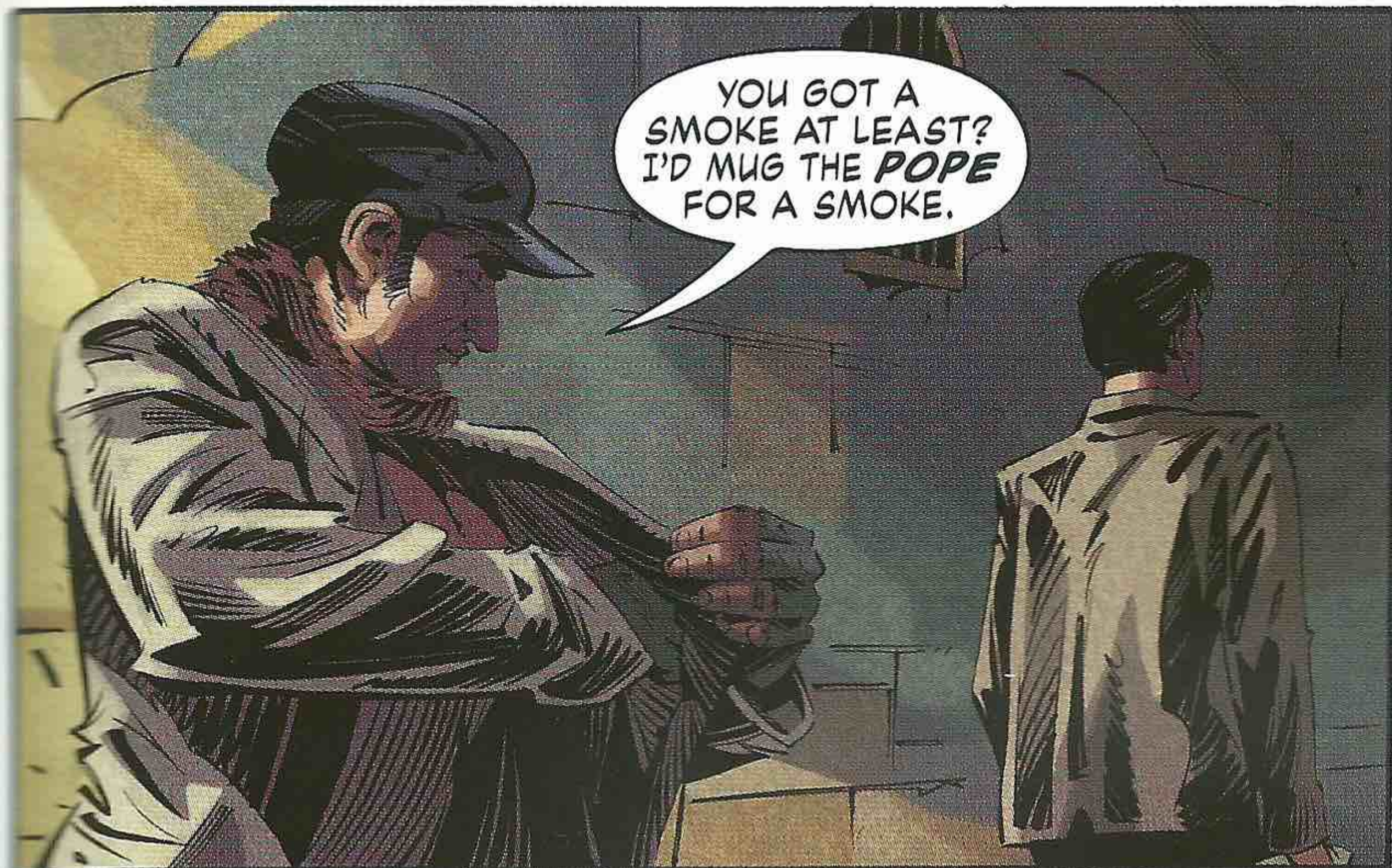
YOU'RE
LUCKY I DON'T
TEACH YOU A
LESSON.



HEY, NO
HARD FEELINGS,
OKAY?

I'M JUST
TRYING TO
GET BY.

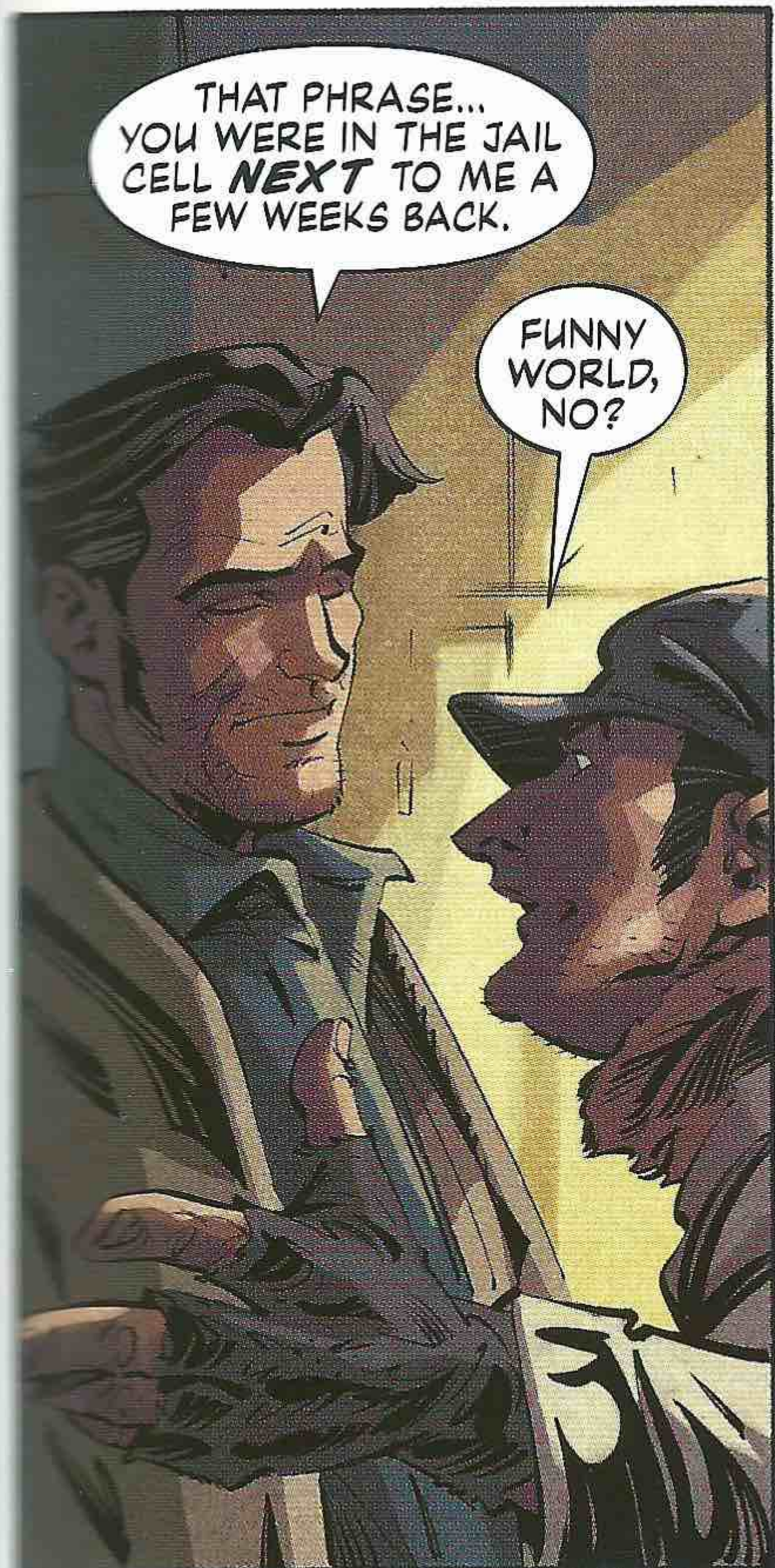
AREN'T
WE ALL.



YOU GOT A
SMOKE AT LEAST?
I'D MUG THE **POPE**
FOR A SMOKE.



WHAT DID
YOU SAY?



THAT PHRASE...
YOU WERE IN THE JAIL
CELL **NEXT** TO ME A
FEW WEEKS BACK.

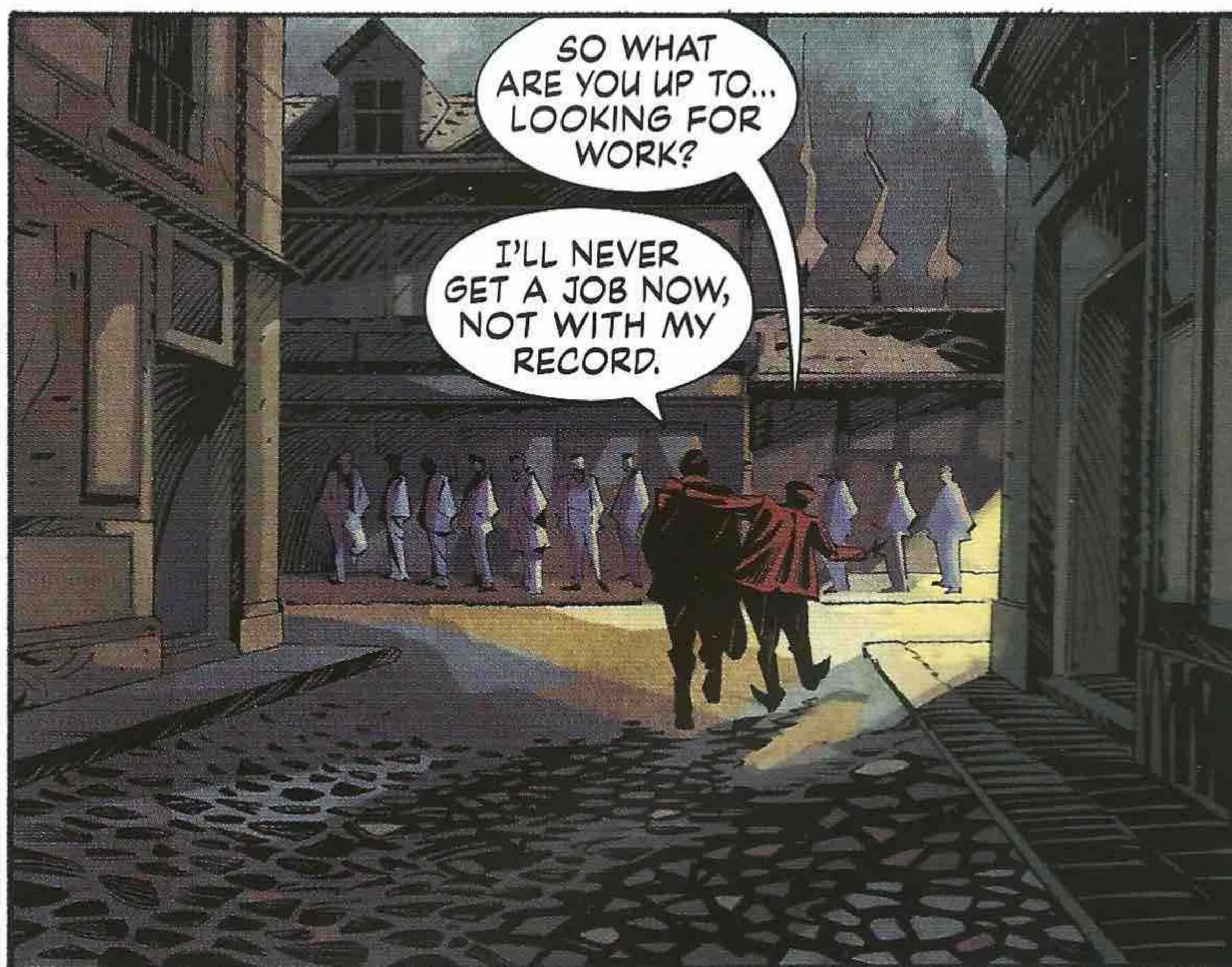
FUNNY
WORLD,
NO?

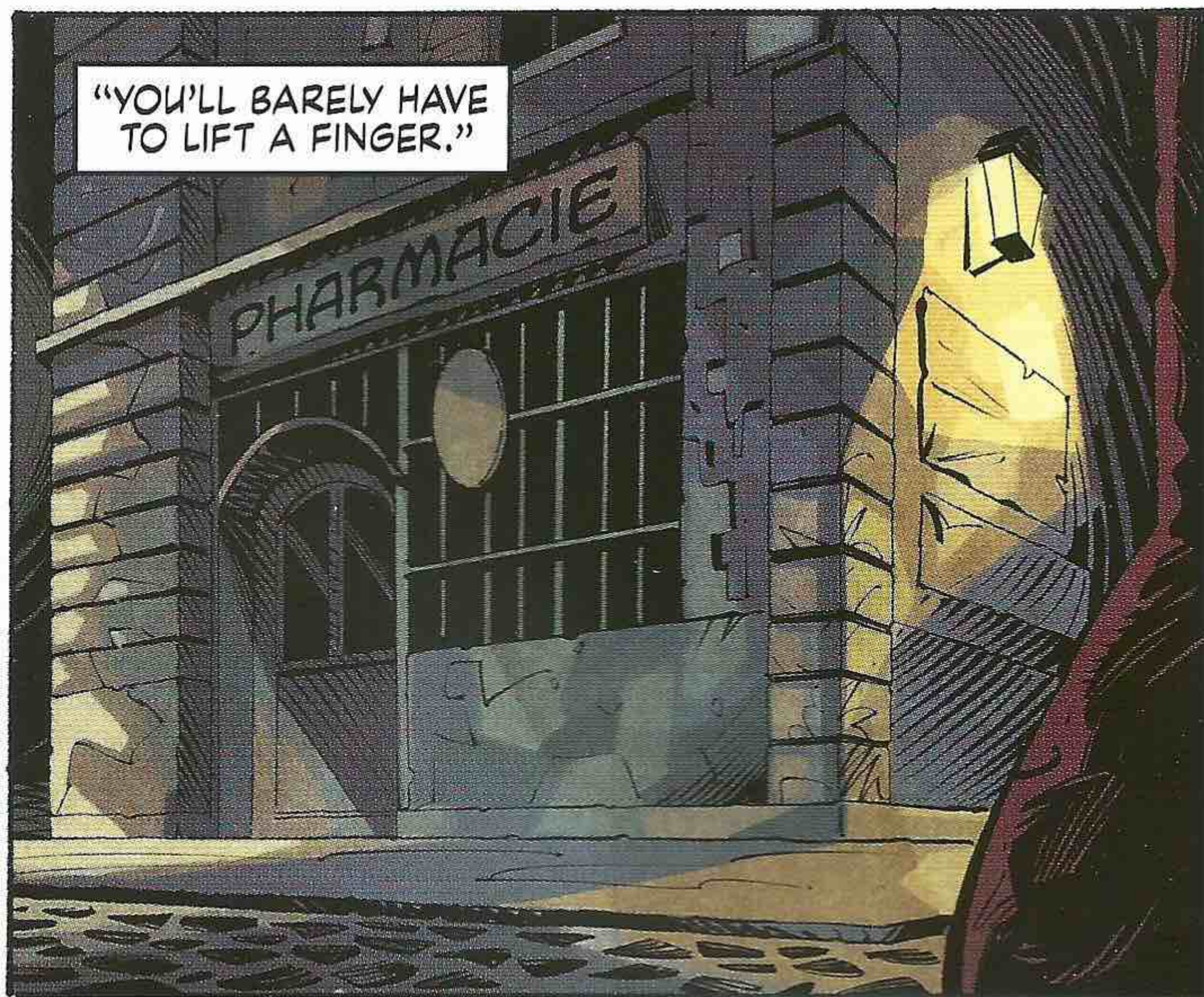
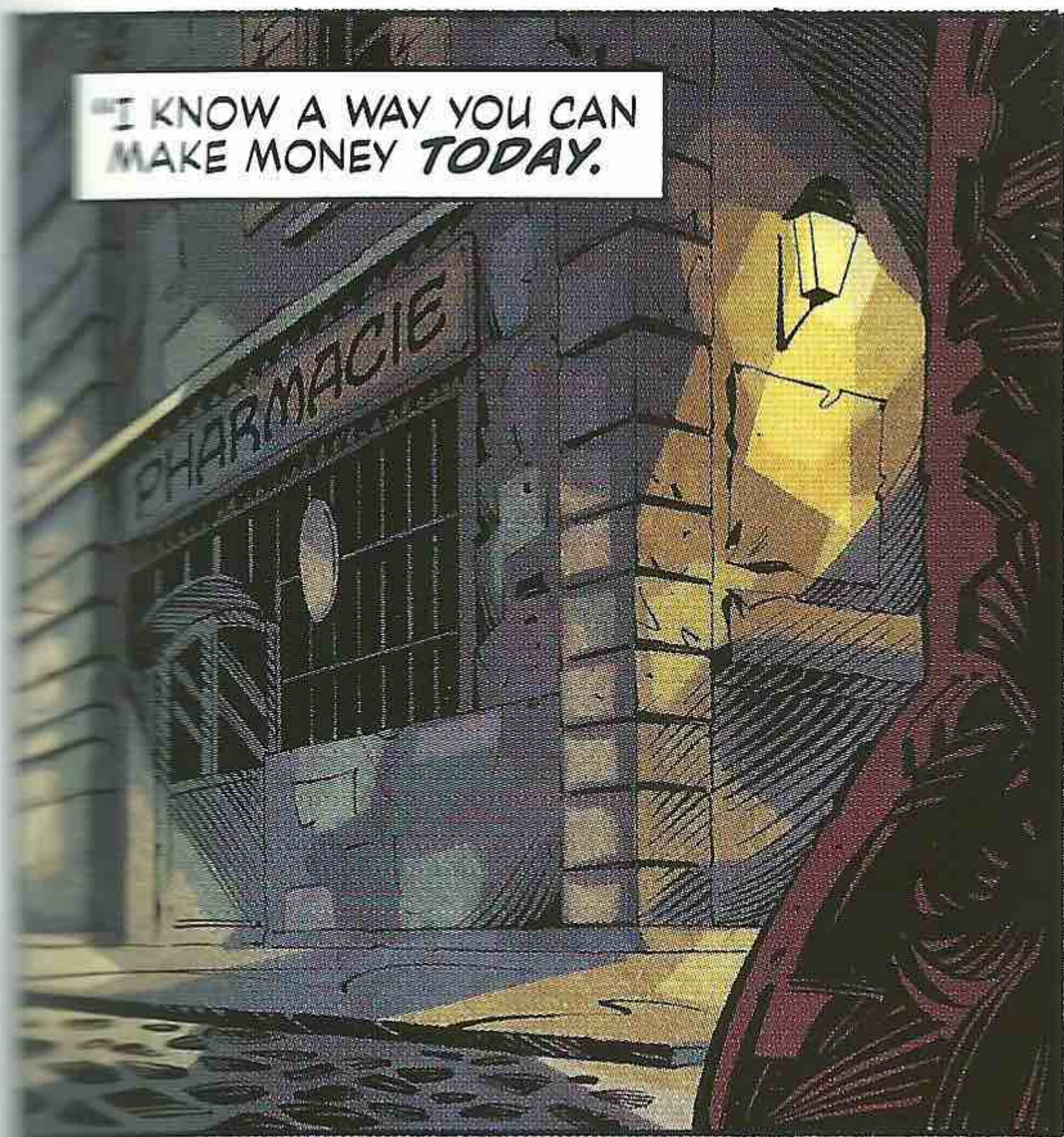


I'M PLATANO.
PLEASED TO MEET
YOU.

JULES
BONNOT.









WHERE
ARE WE?

NOT FAR
NOW.



OKAY,
THIS IS RUSCA'S
PLACE.



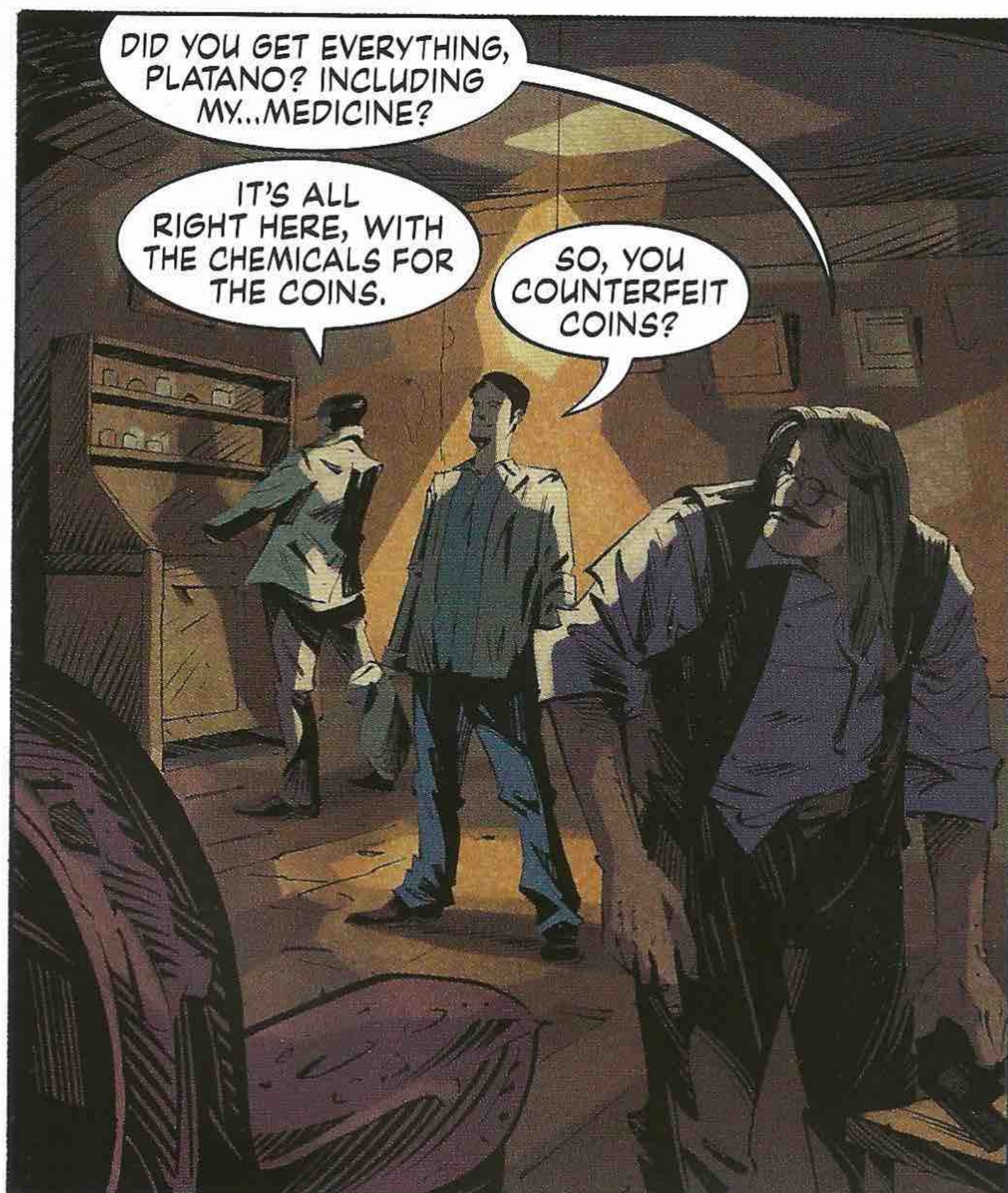
BE
COOL.



SI?



THIS IS
JULES. HE'S
OKAY.



DID YOU GET EVERYTHING,
PLATANO? INCLUDING
MY...MEDICINE?

IT'S ALL
RIGHT HERE, WITH
THE CHEMICALS FOR
THE COINS.

SO, YOU
COUNTERFEIT
COINS?

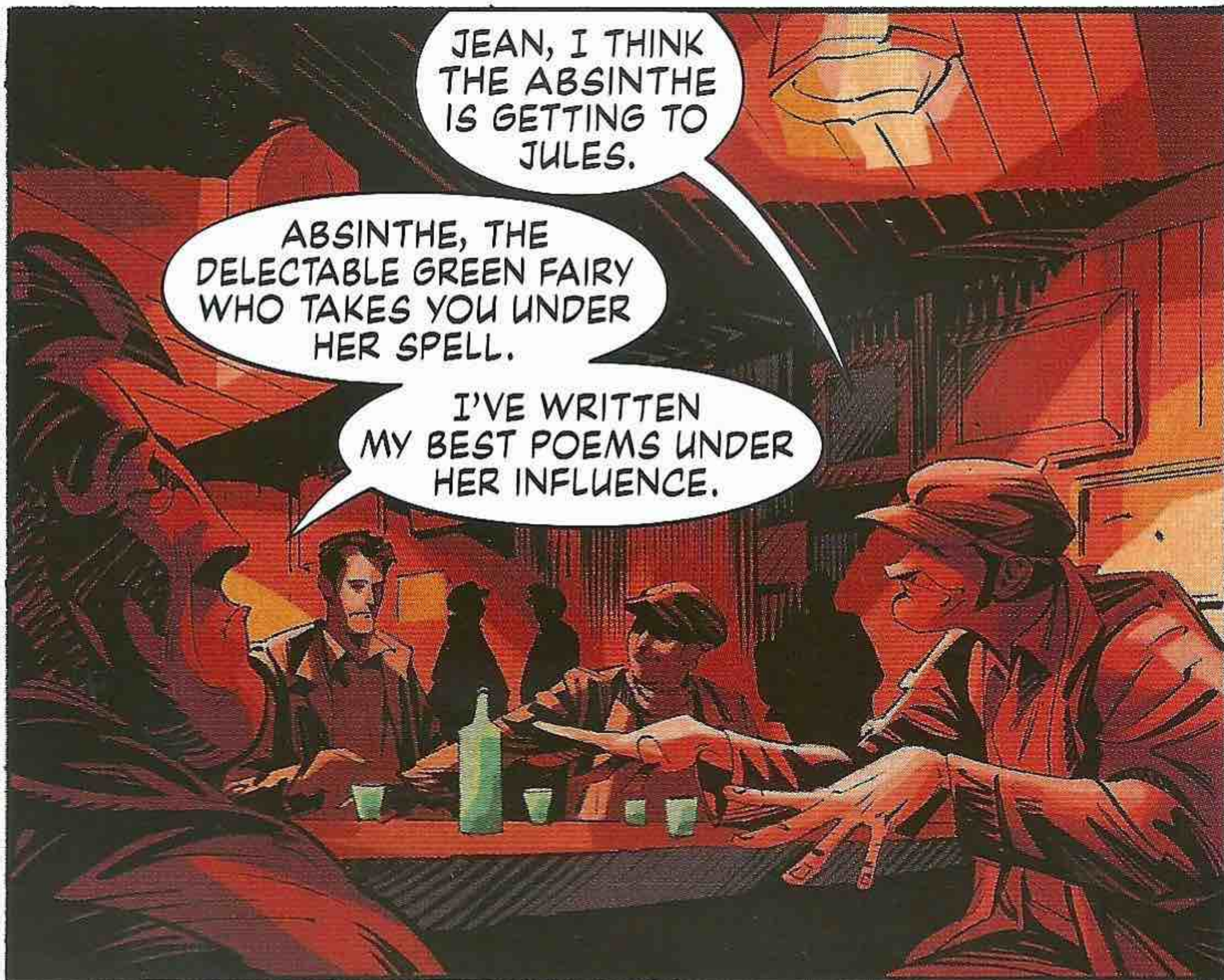


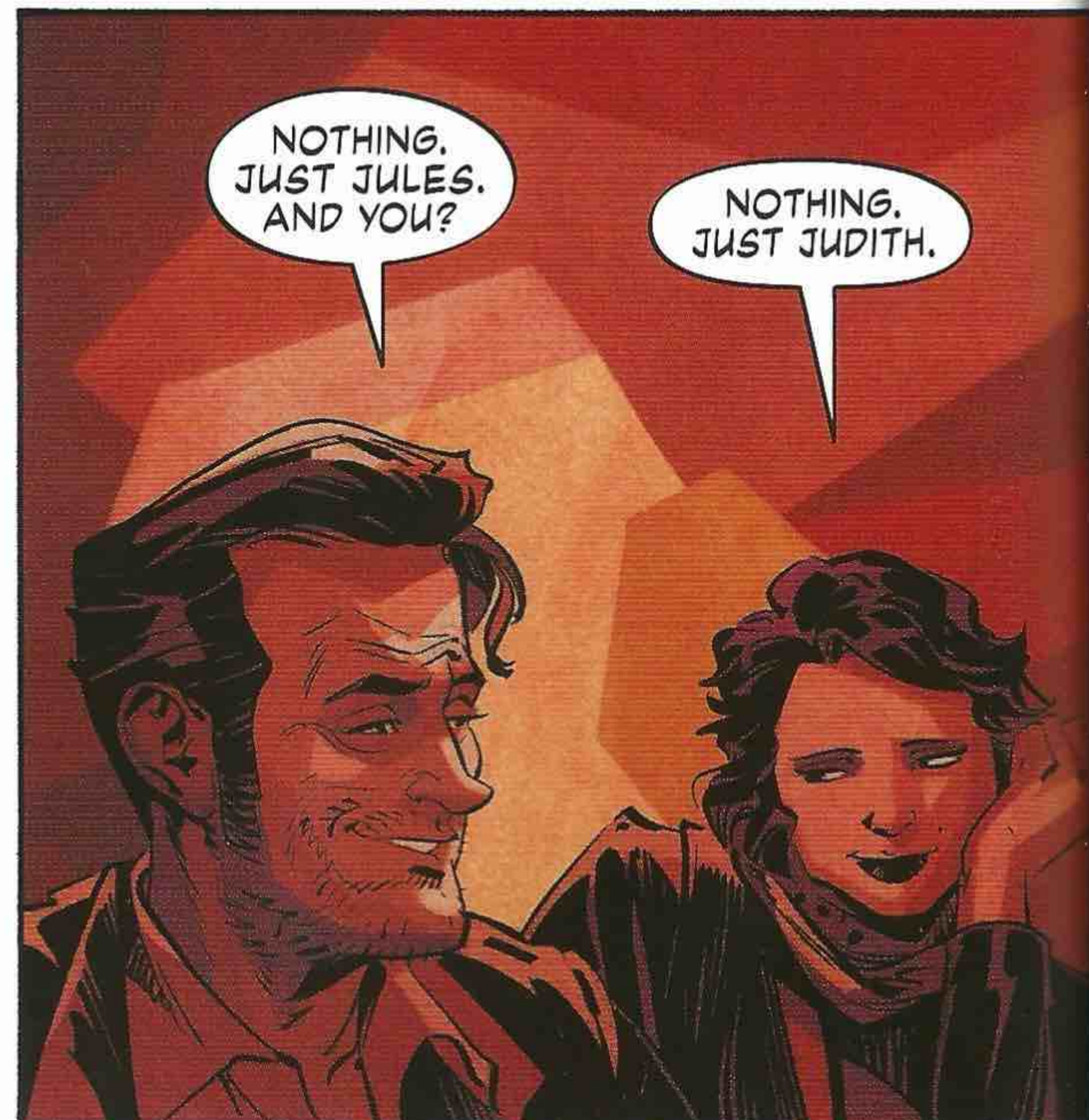
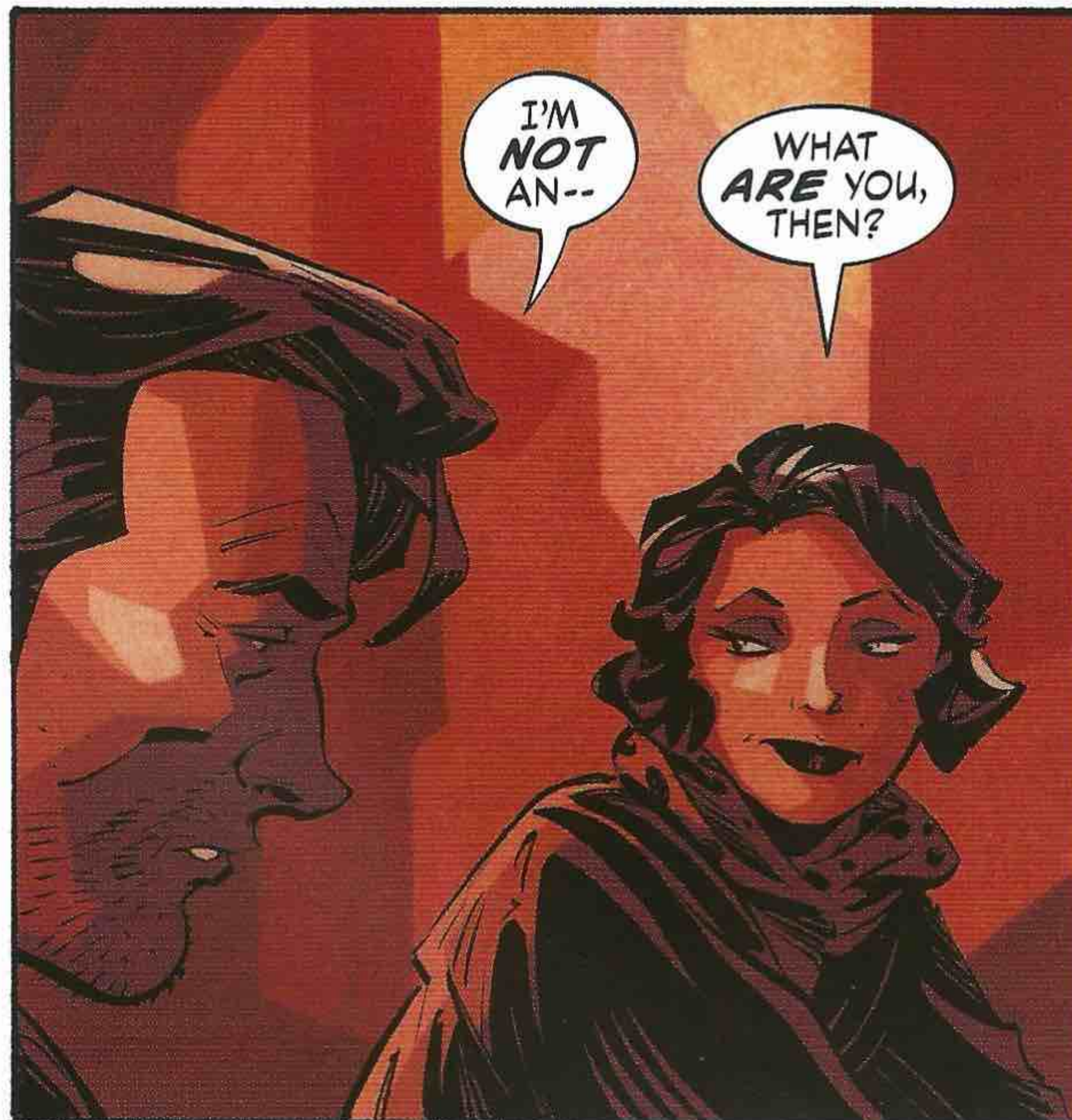
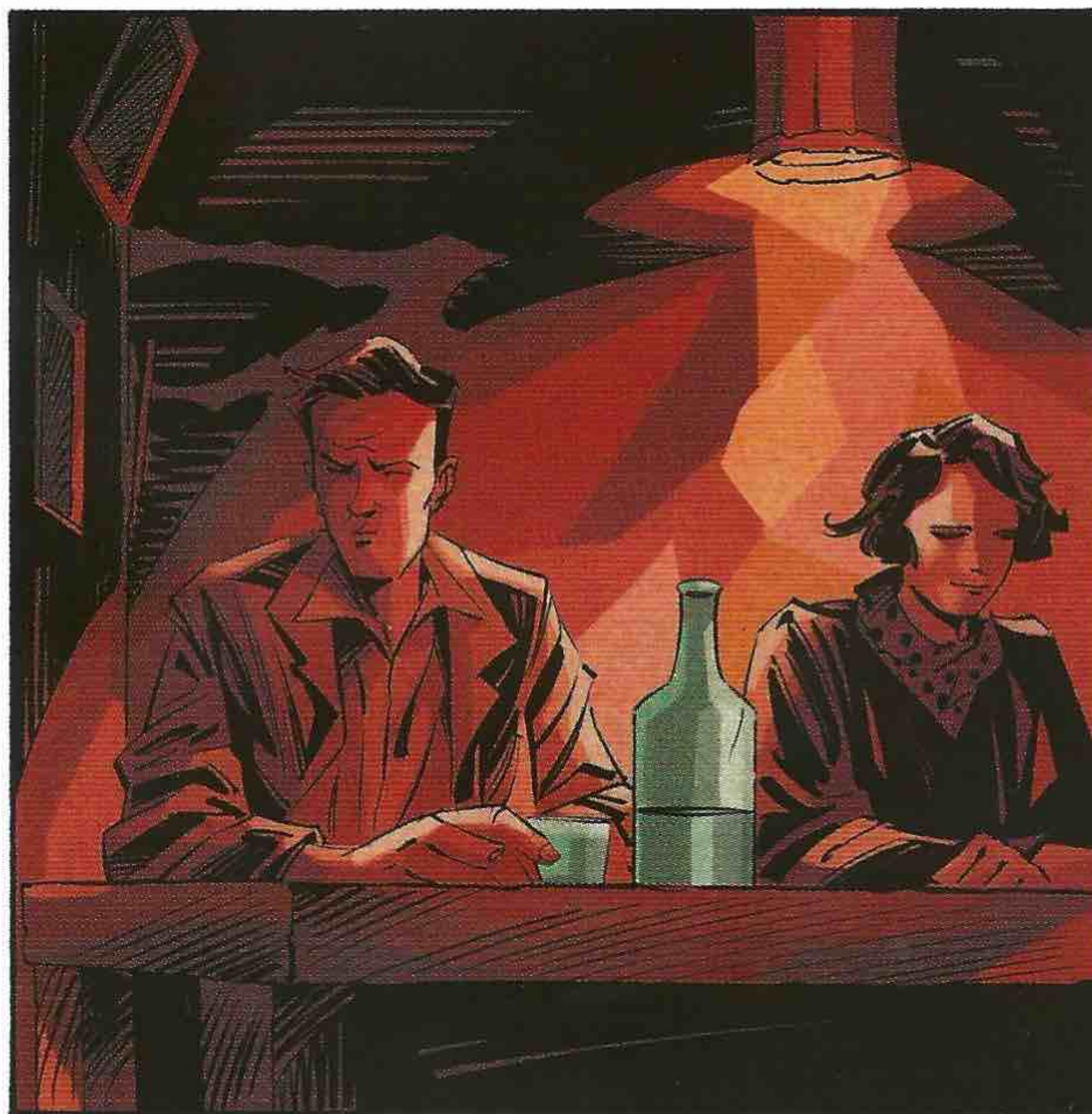
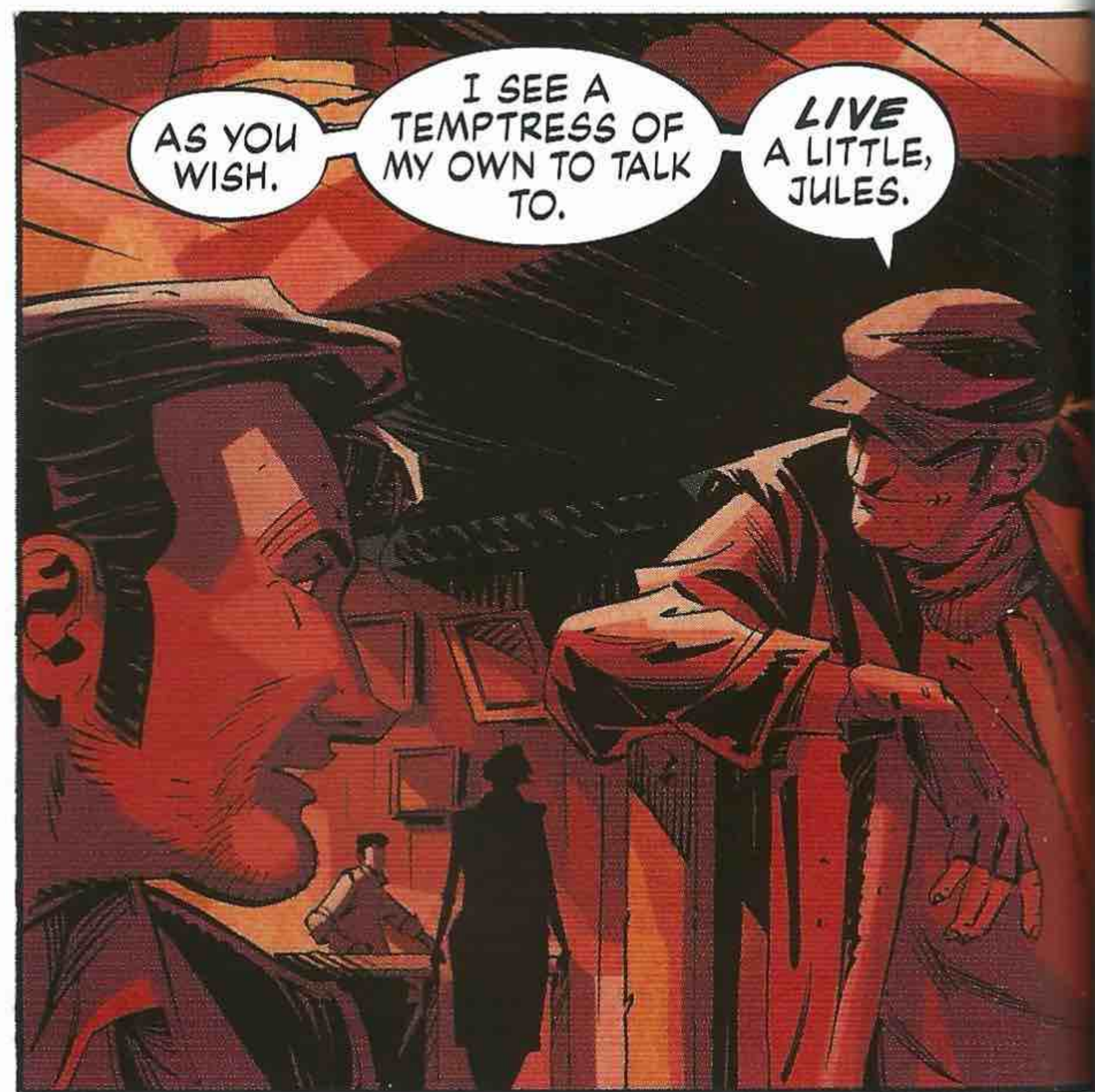
TEN
FRANC COINS,
PERFECT
COPIES.

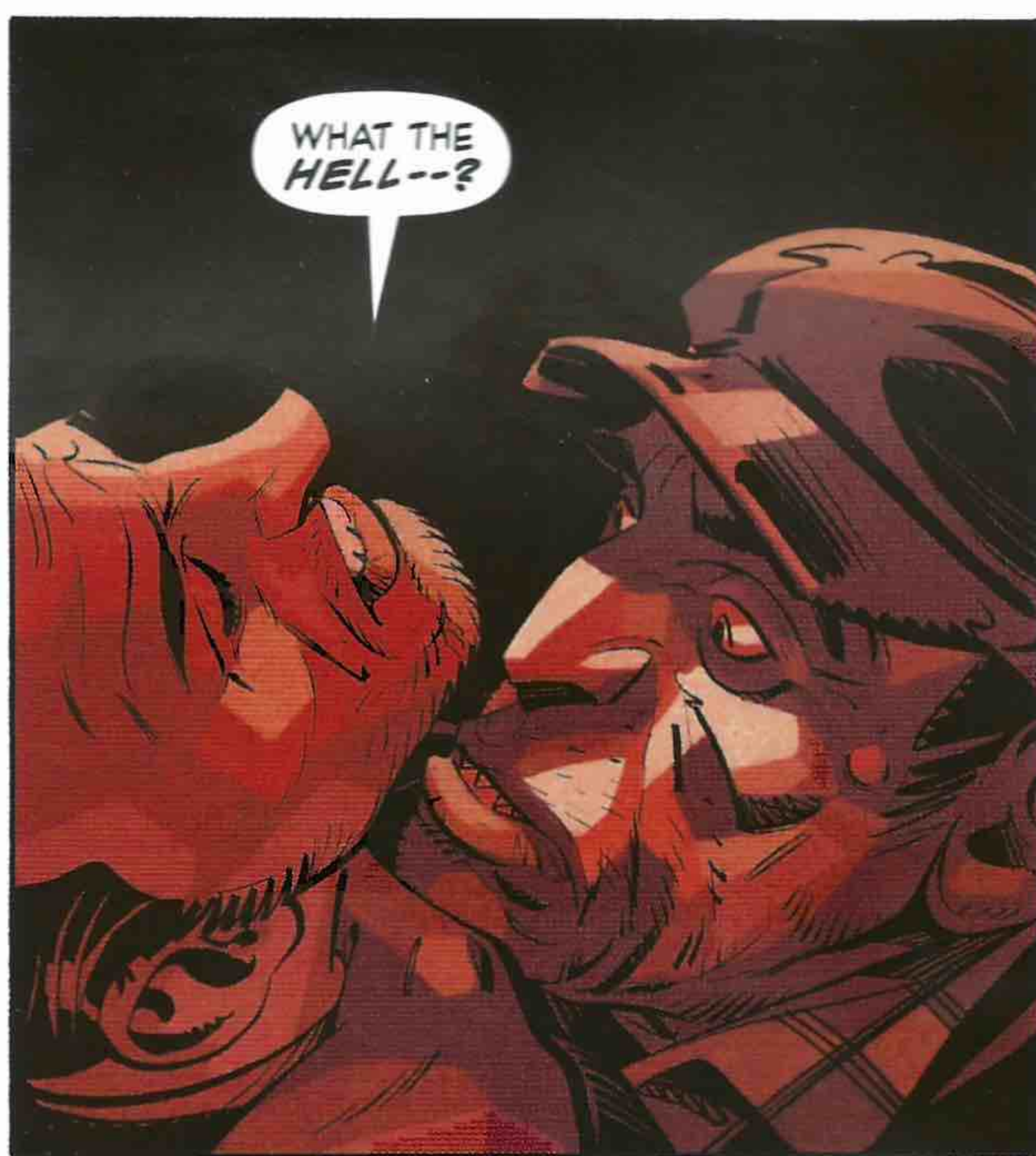
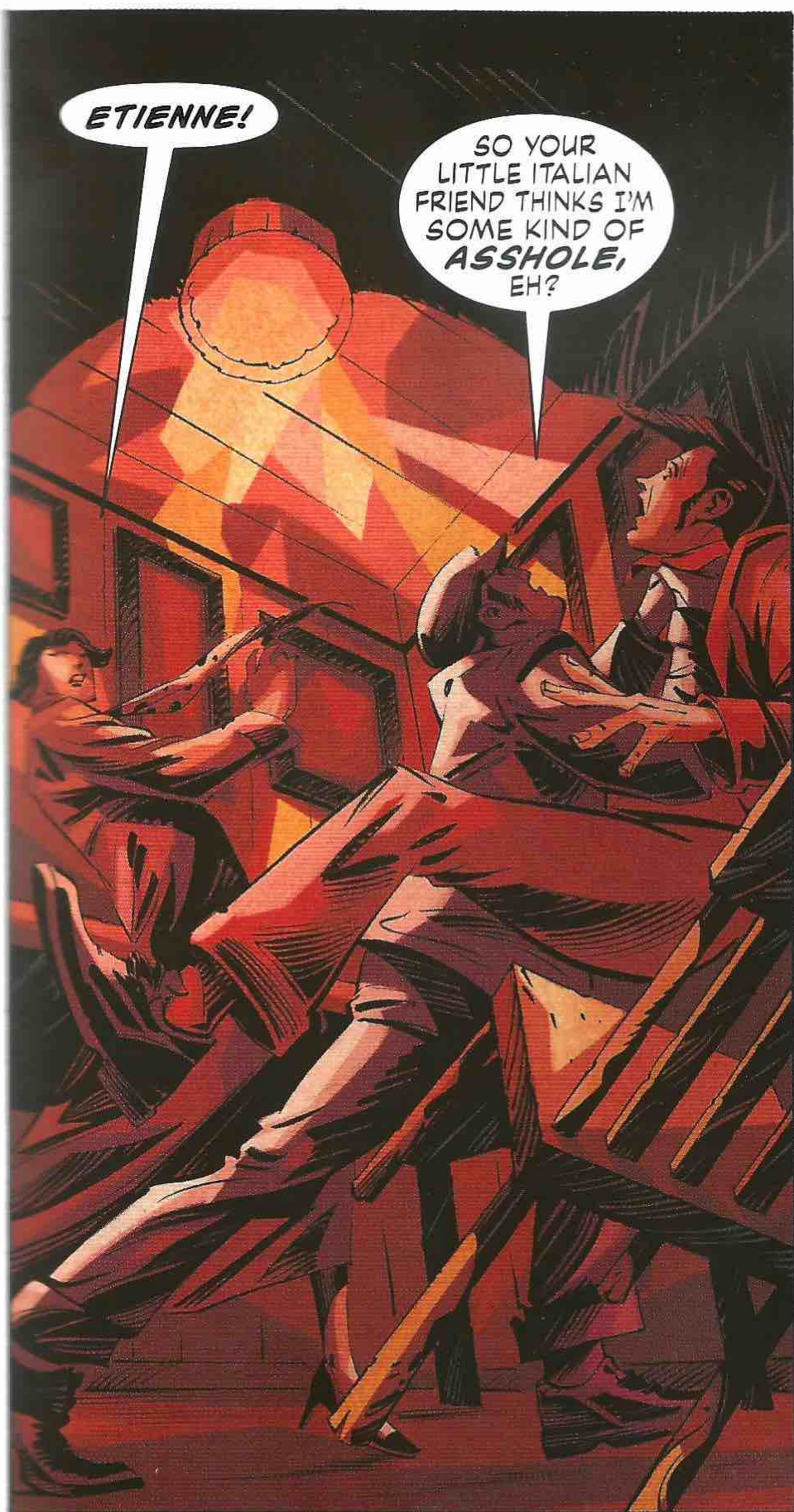


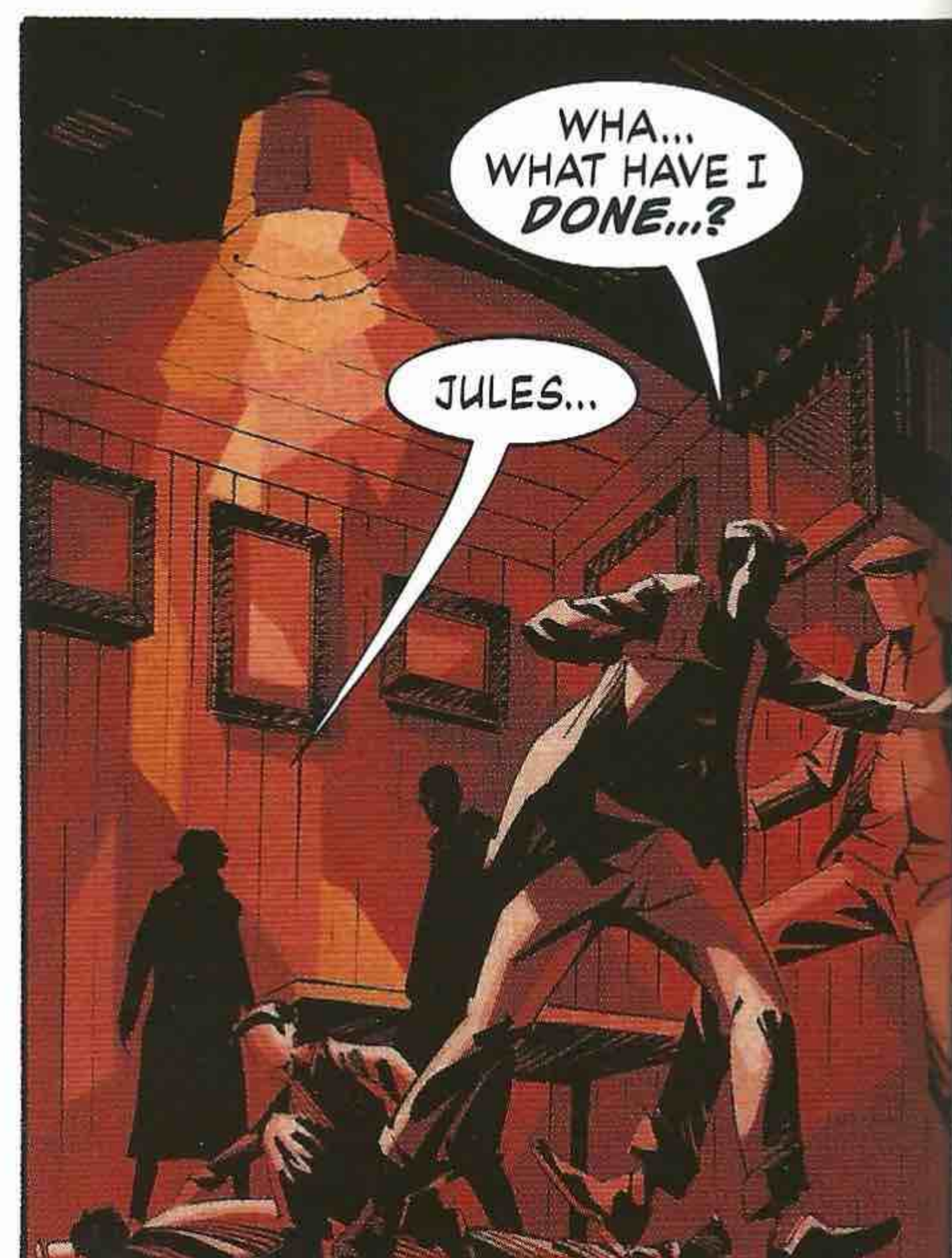
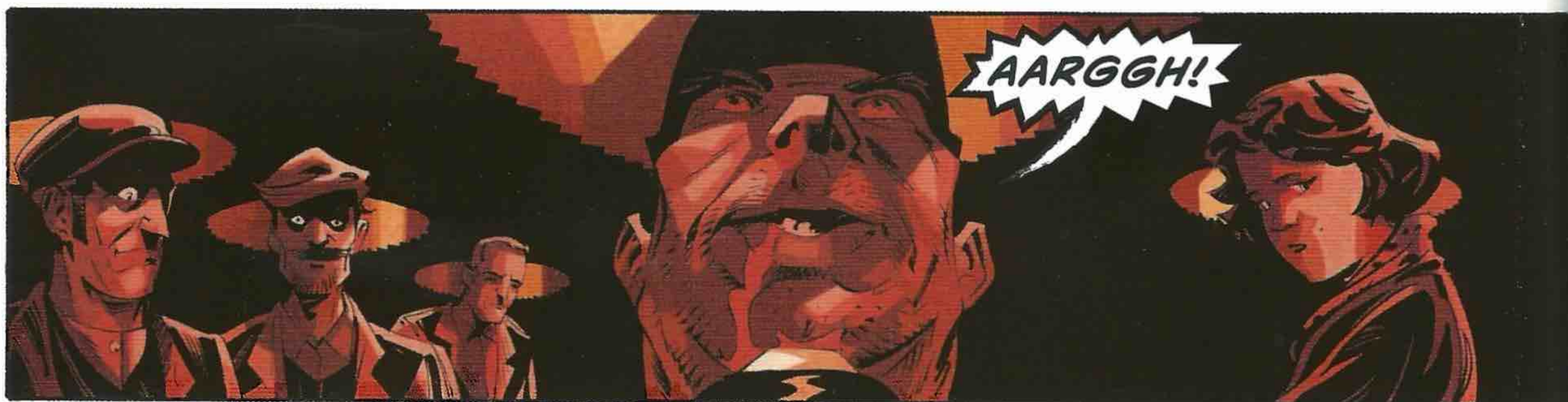
I USED
TO WORK LIKE A
DOG FOR ONE
OF THESE.

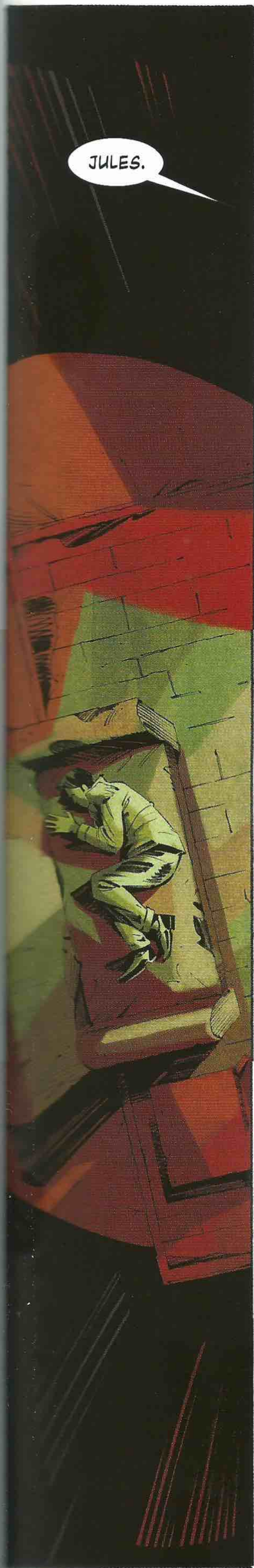
"NO MORE TALK ABOUT WORK, TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE AT *LAPIN AGILE*. EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE HAUNT. ARTISTS. ANARCHISTS. STREET-WALKERS. PIMPS."











JULES.



TROUBLE
MAKER!



YOU
KILLED OUR
SON.



FOR
ME?



AARGGH!



JULES...

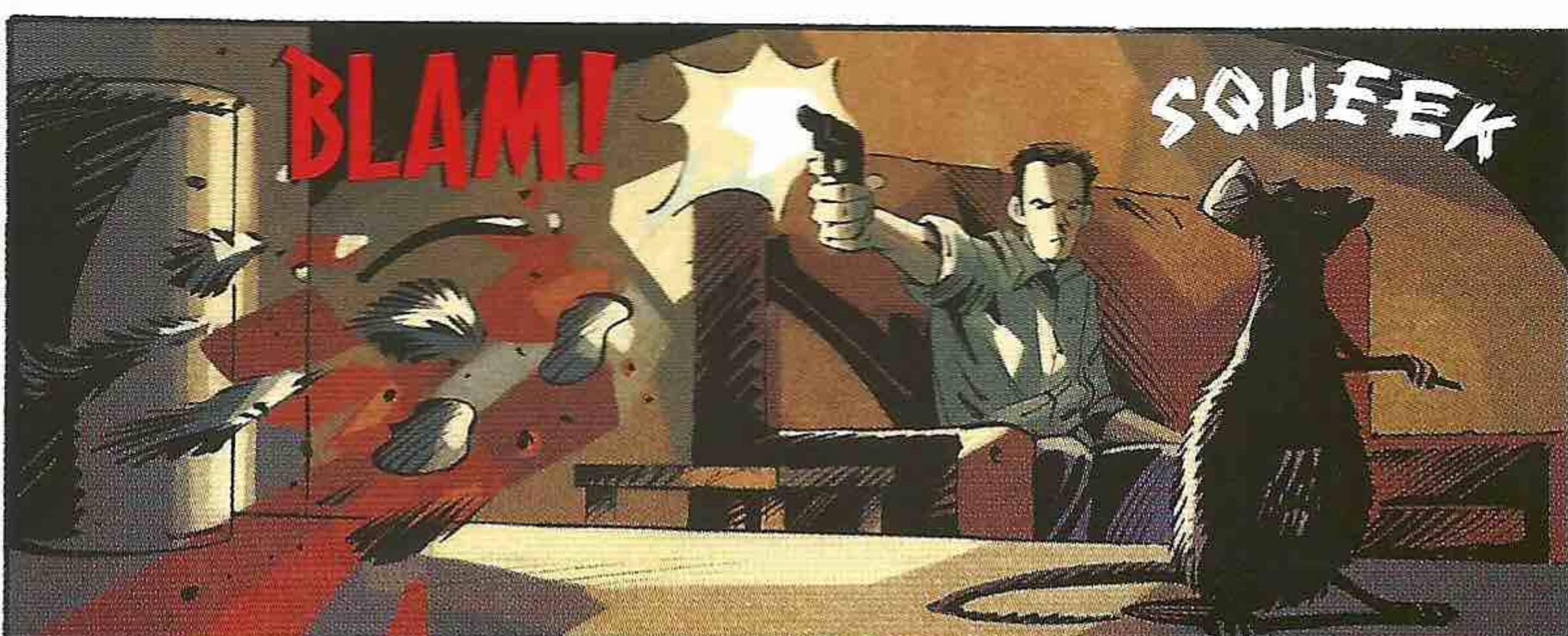
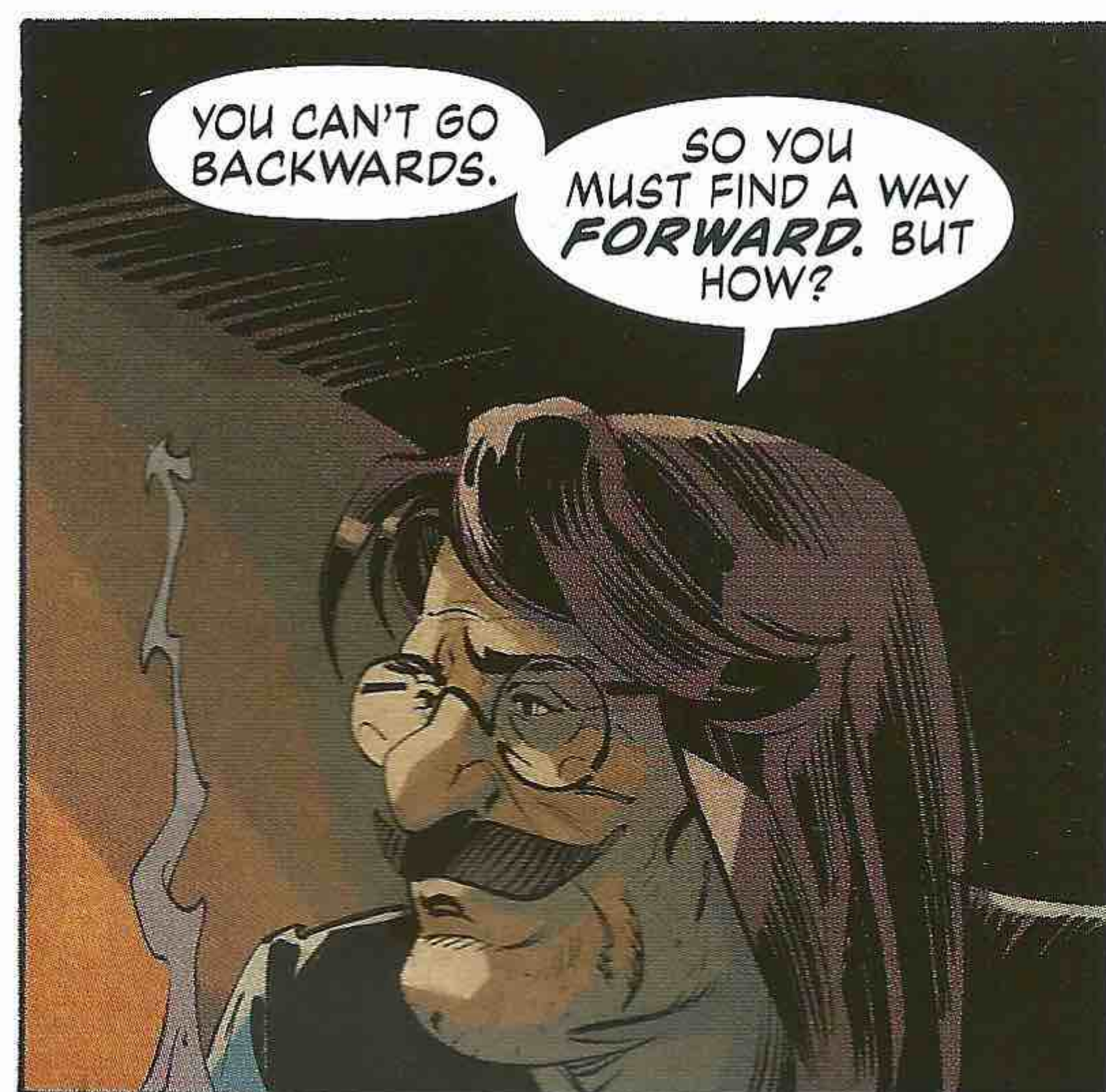
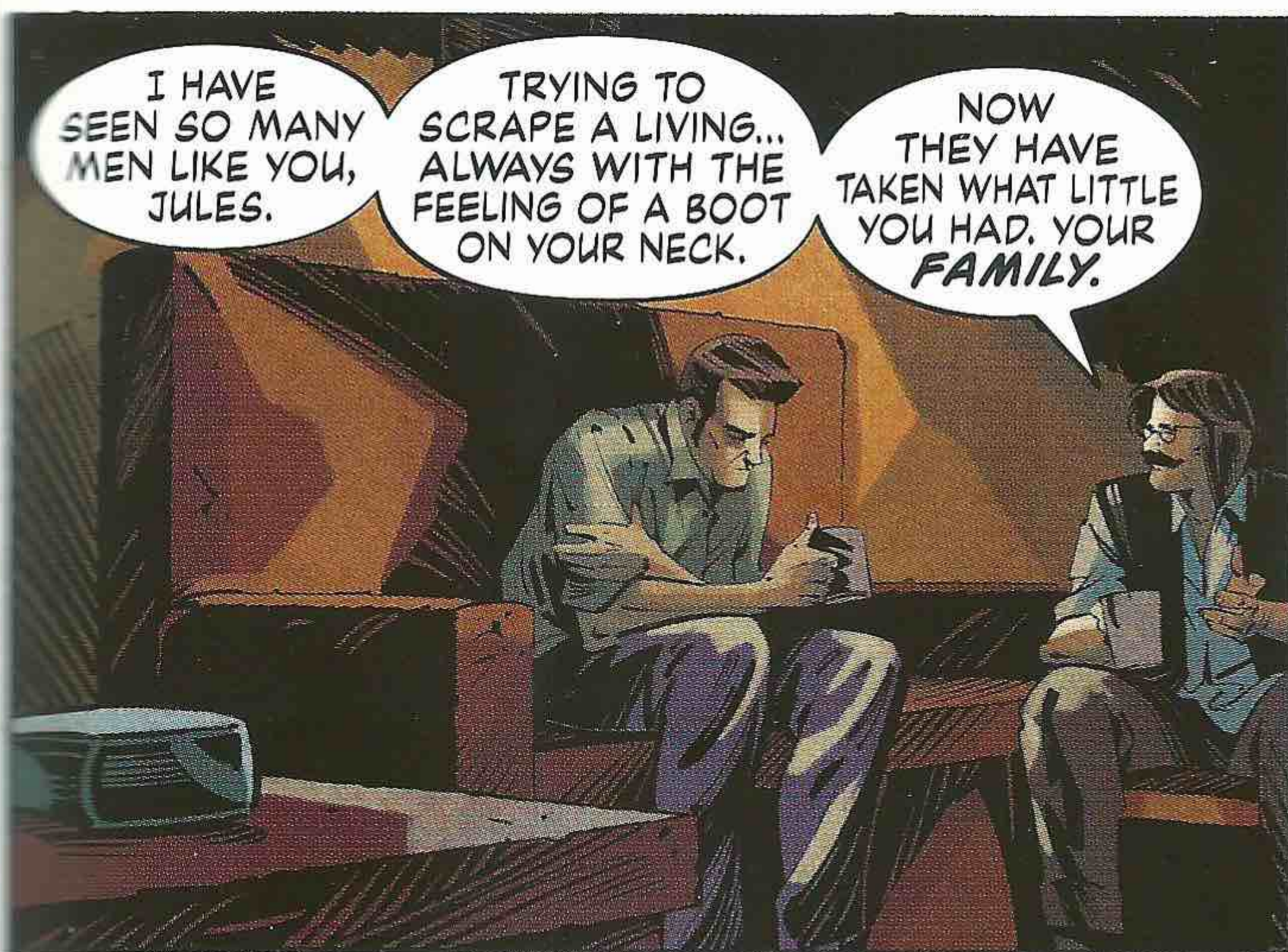


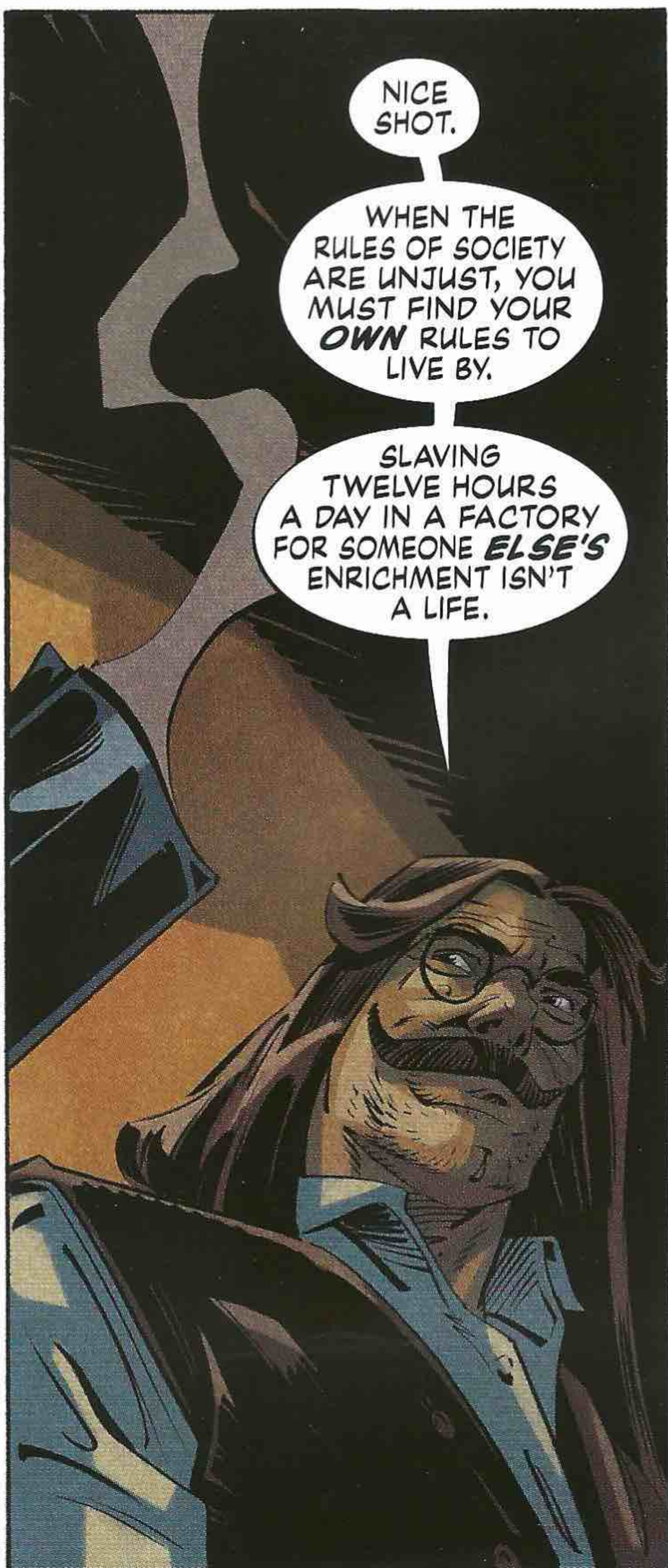
LOCK
HIM UP.



JULES.







NICE SHOT.

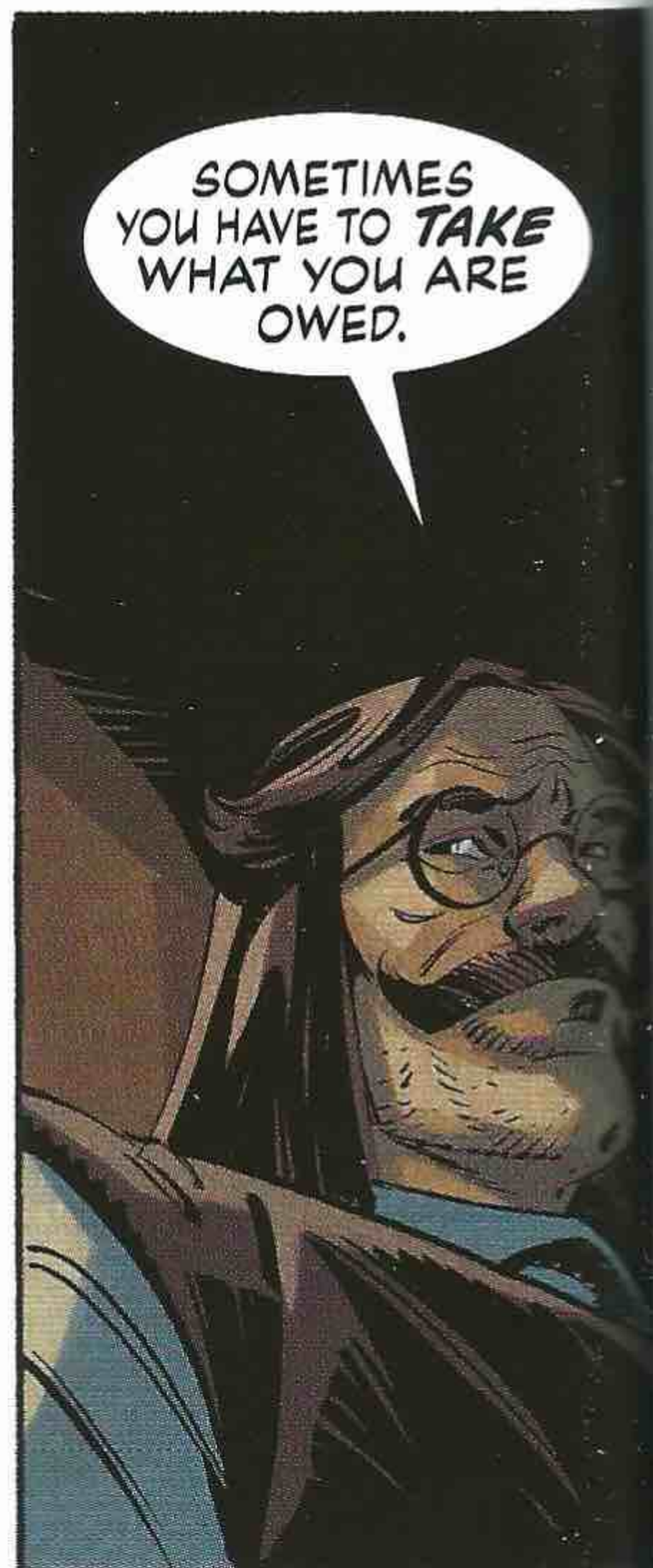
WHEN THE RULES OF SOCIETY ARE UNJUST, YOU MUST FIND YOUR **OWN** RULES TO LIVE BY.

SLAVING TWELVE HOURS A DAY IN A FACTORY FOR SOMEONE **ELSE'S** ENRICHMENT ISN'T A LIFE.

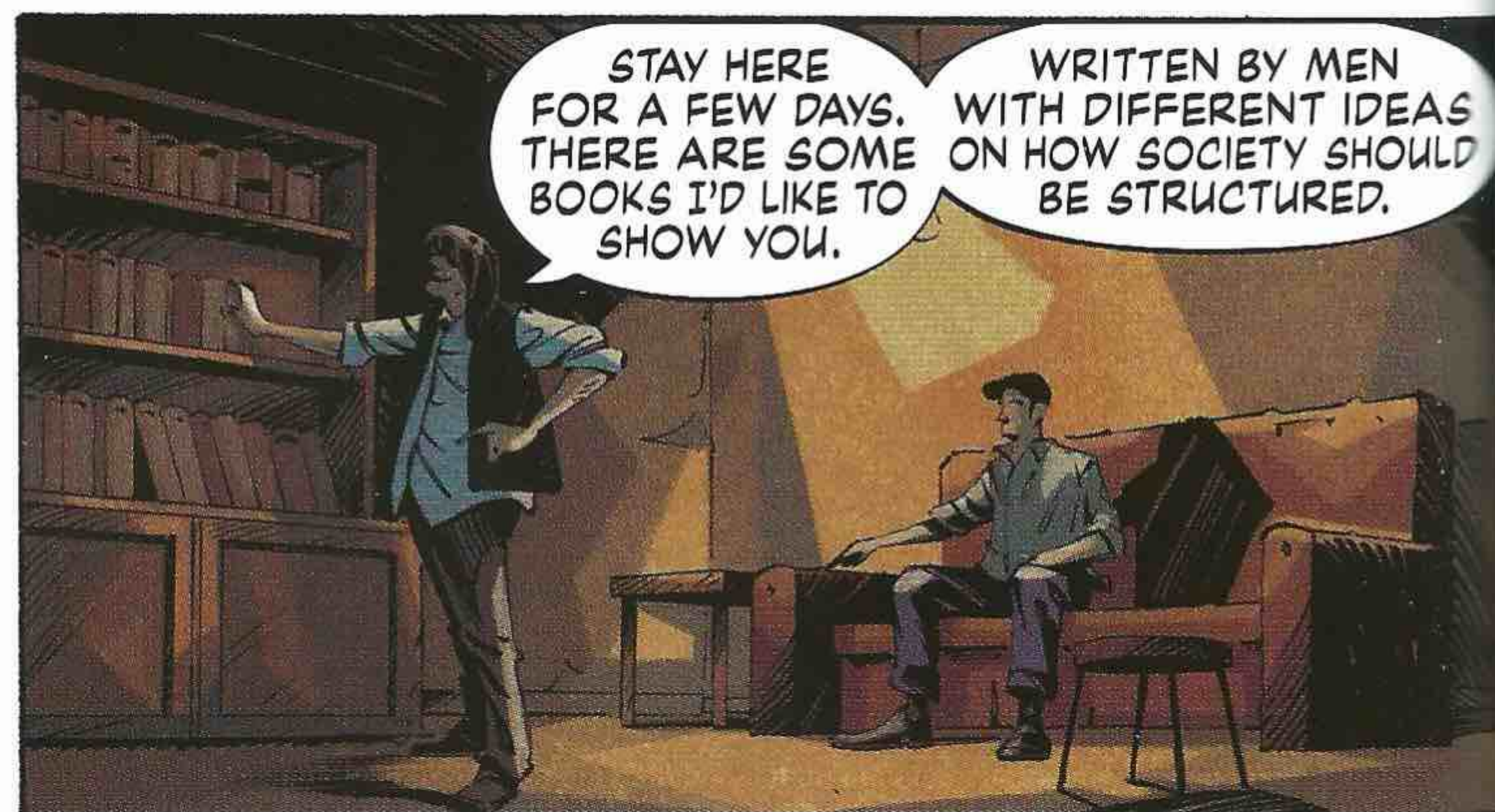


YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS, JULES.

YOU HAVE **FRIENDS**.

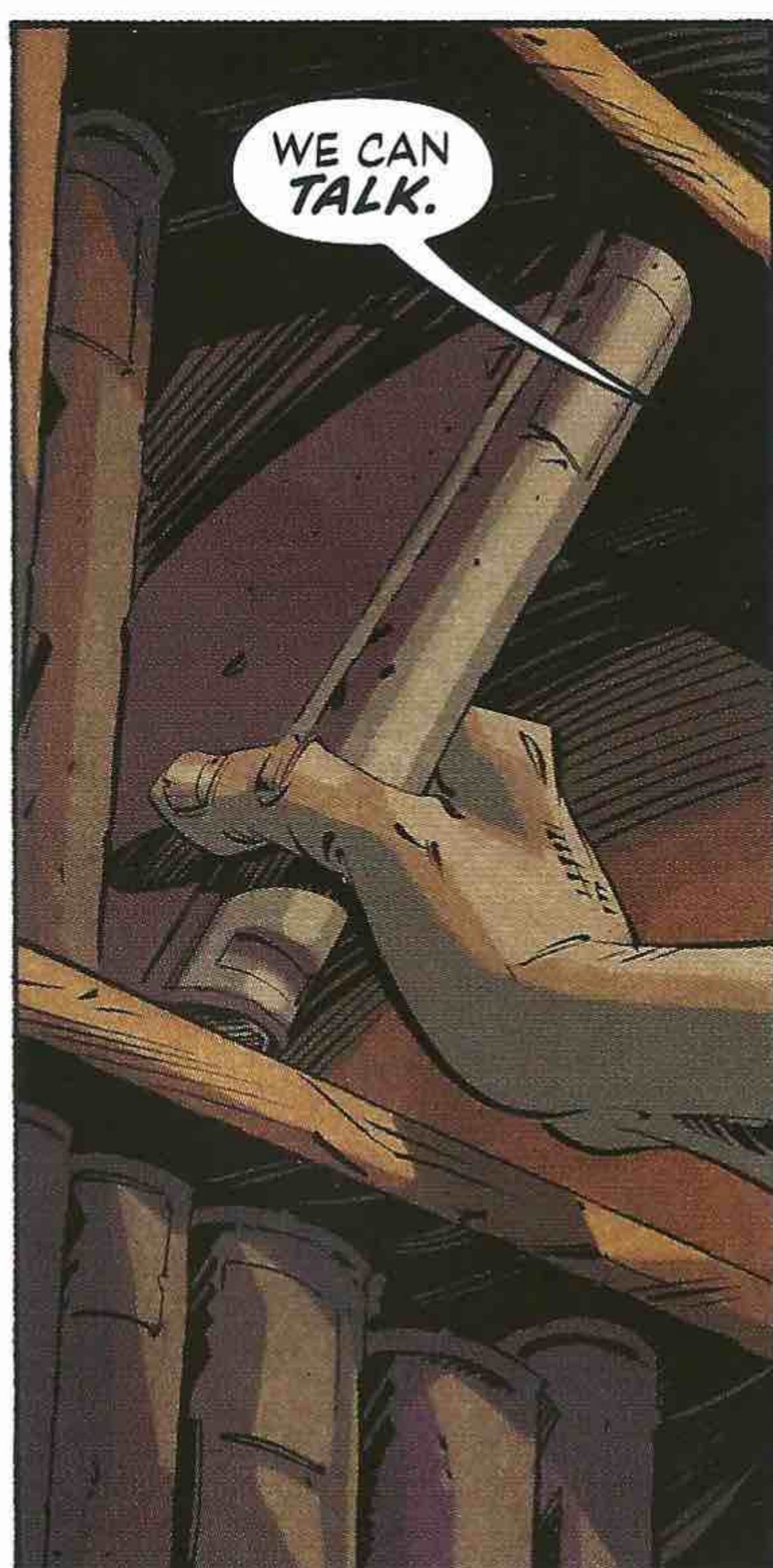


SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO **TAKE** WHAT YOU ARE OWED.



STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS. THERE ARE SOME BOOKS I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU.

WRITTEN BY MEN WITH DIFFERENT IDEAS ON HOW SOCIETY SHOULD BE STRUCTURED.



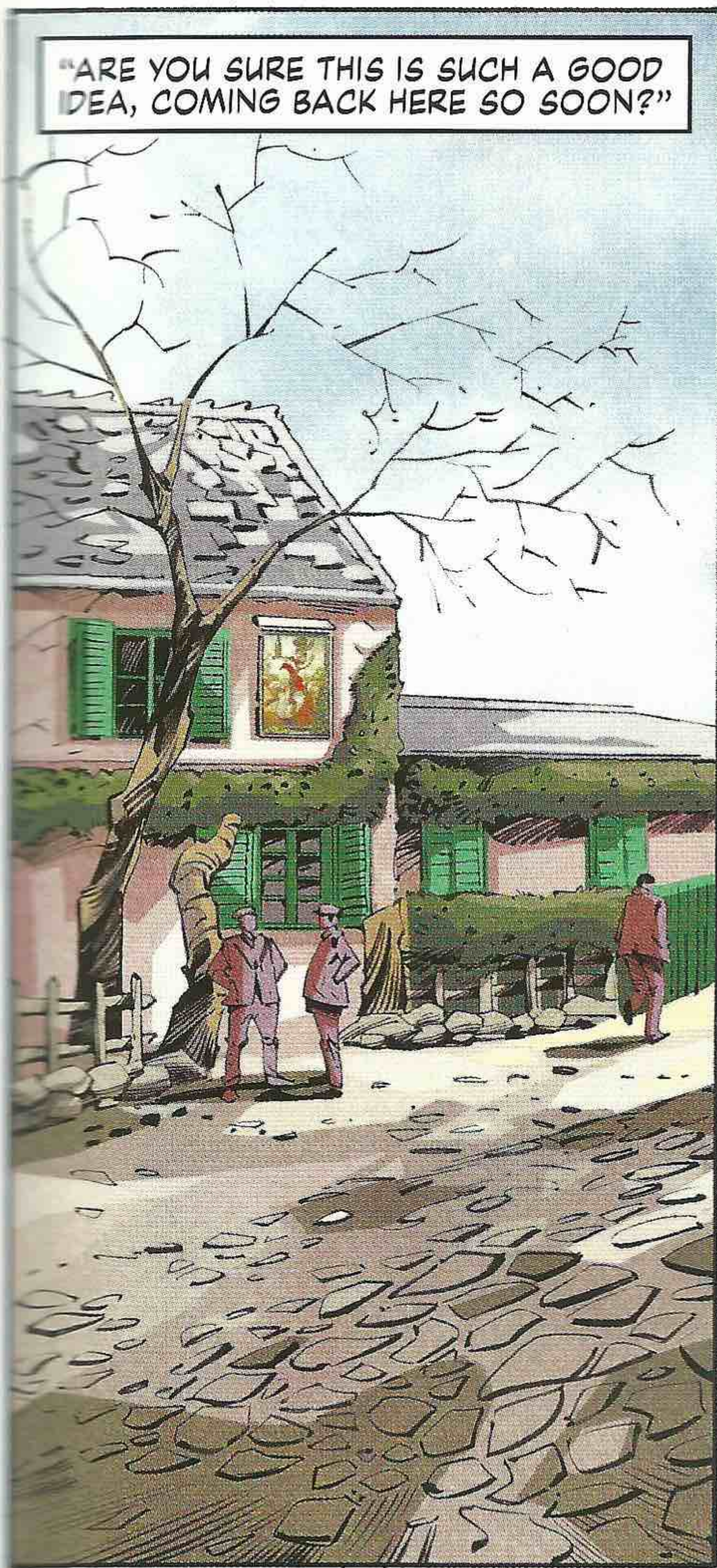
WE CAN **TALK**.



AND YOU MAY FIND A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD.

YOU ARE A MAN WITH MANY **SKILLS** TO OFFER, JULES.

TIME TO GET OFF YOUR **KNEES**.



"ARE YOU SURE THIS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA, COMING BACK HERE SO SOON?"



I HAVE TO TALK TO THAT WOMAN.



YOU TWO. DO EITHER OF YOU KNOW THIS MAN, **ETIENNE**?



IS HE THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE? HE LOOKS NICE.



ARE YOU **CRAZY**?

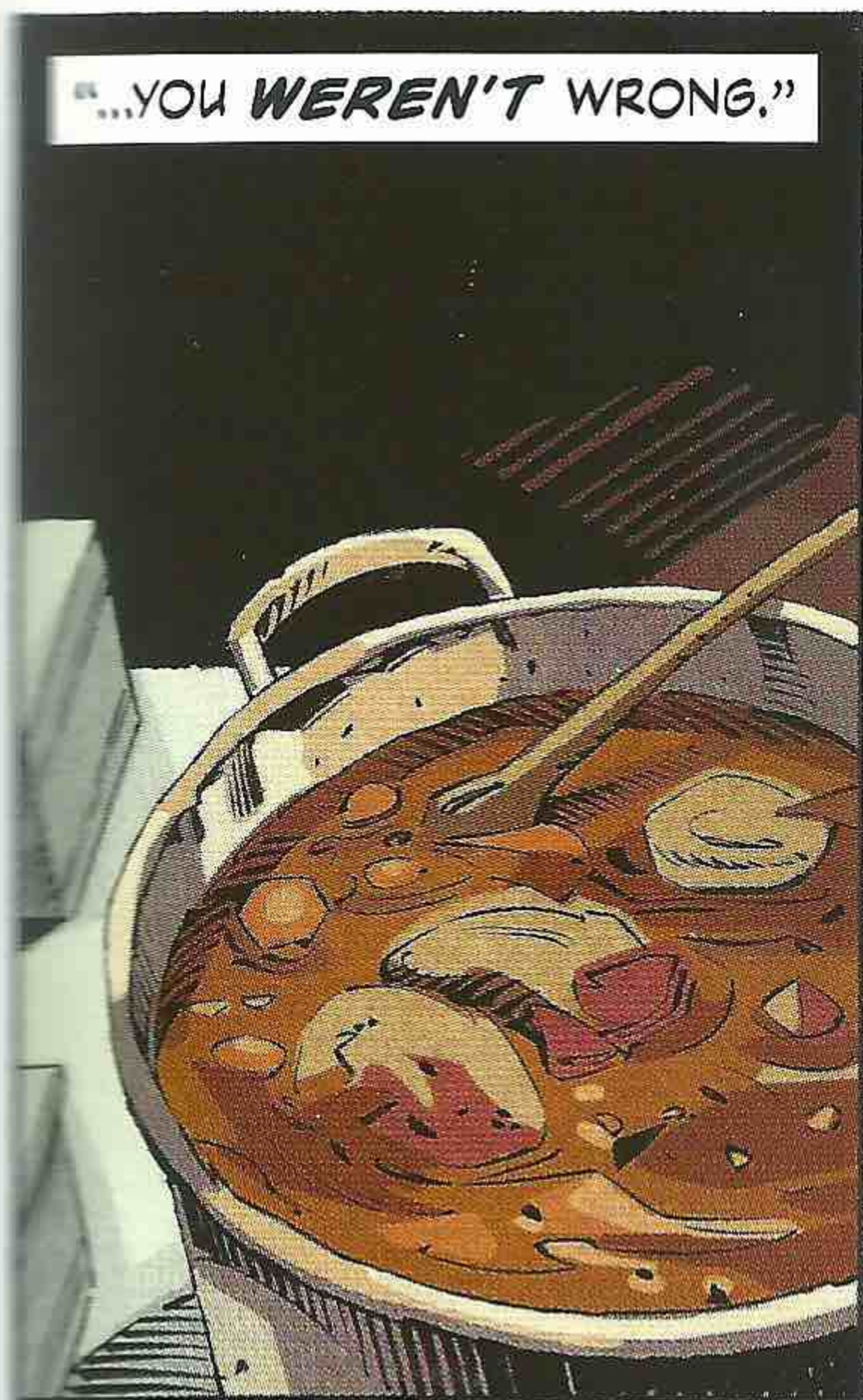


SHE'S HERE. I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE.



JUDITH...I WANT TO **APOLOGIZE** FOR WHAT HAPPENED...





"...YOU *WEREN'T* WRONG."



DID YOU
SEW THOSE
CLOTHES?

YES. WELL,
MY MOTHER AND
I DID. THEY'RE
COSTUMES.



MY MOTHER
WANTED TO BE AN
ACTRESS, SO SHE
WOULD DRESS UP
AND PRETEND SHE
WAS ON THE
STAGE.

BUT
SOMEONE HAD
TO PUT BREAD ON
THE TABLE, SO SHE
DID *OTHER* THINGS...
LIKE ME...AND IT
DIDN'T TURN OUT
WELL.



WHAT
HAPPENED TO
HER?

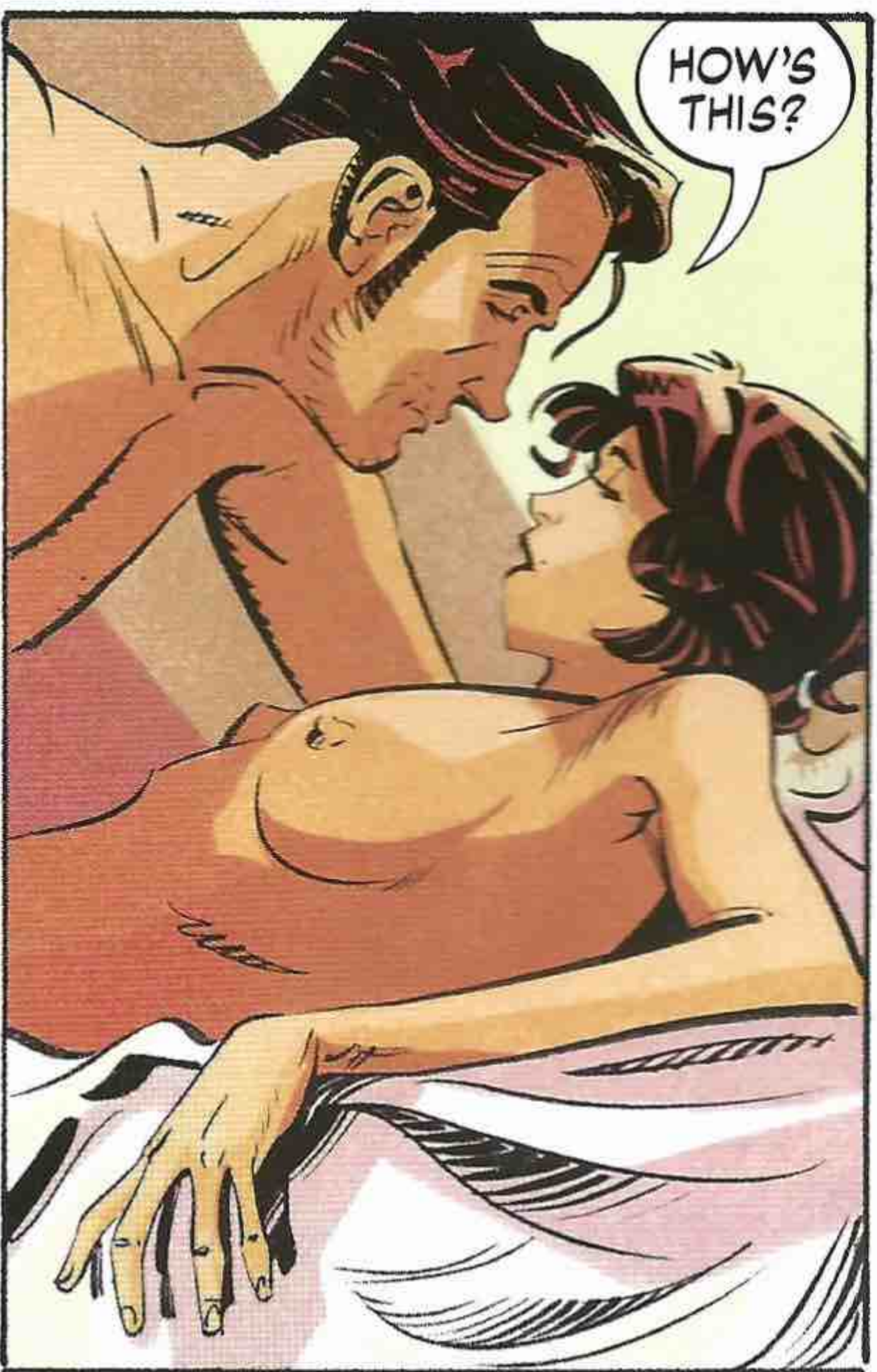
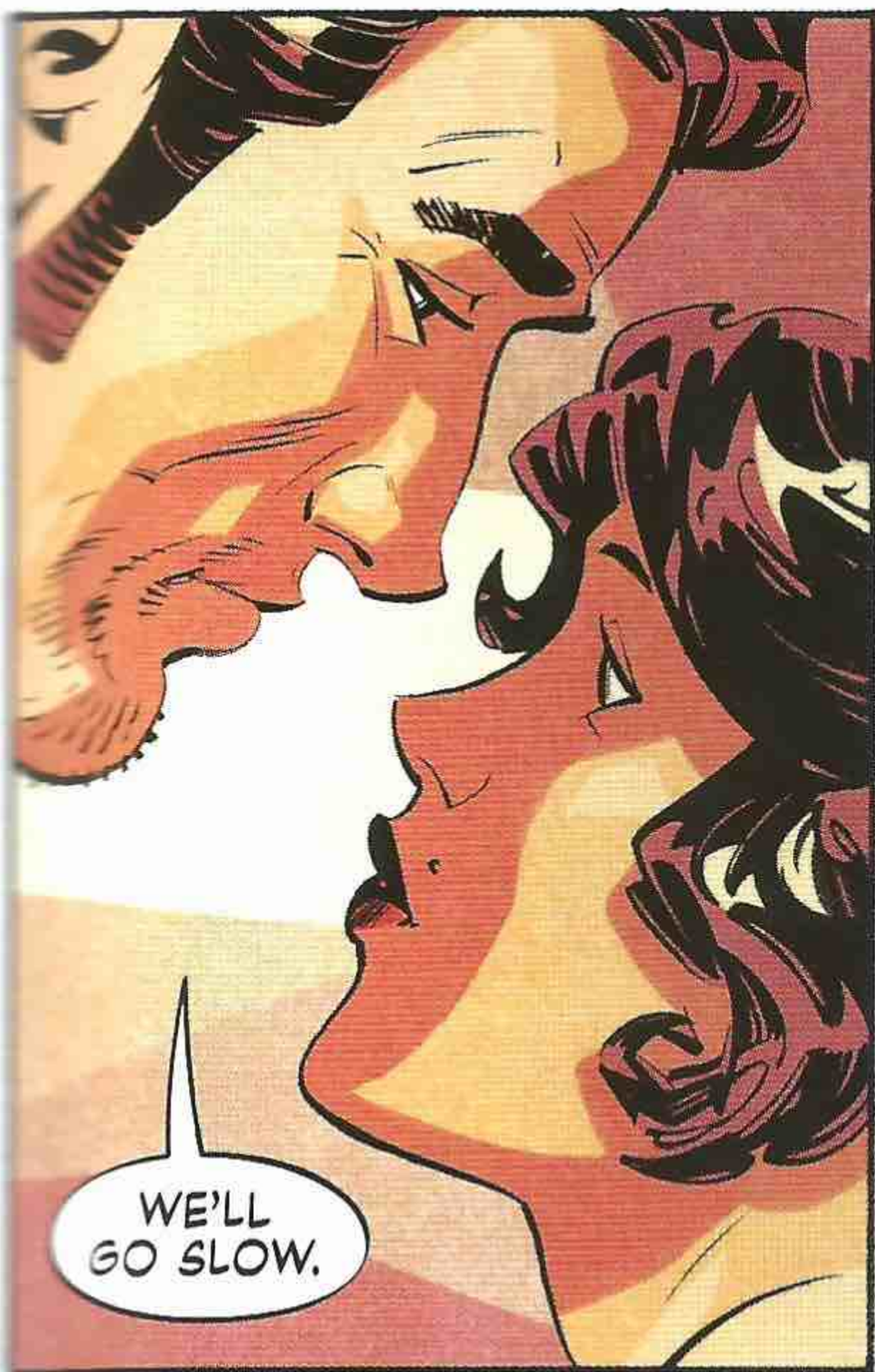


SHE DIED
YOUNG.



SHE WAS
VERY BEAUTIFUL...
LIKE YOU.

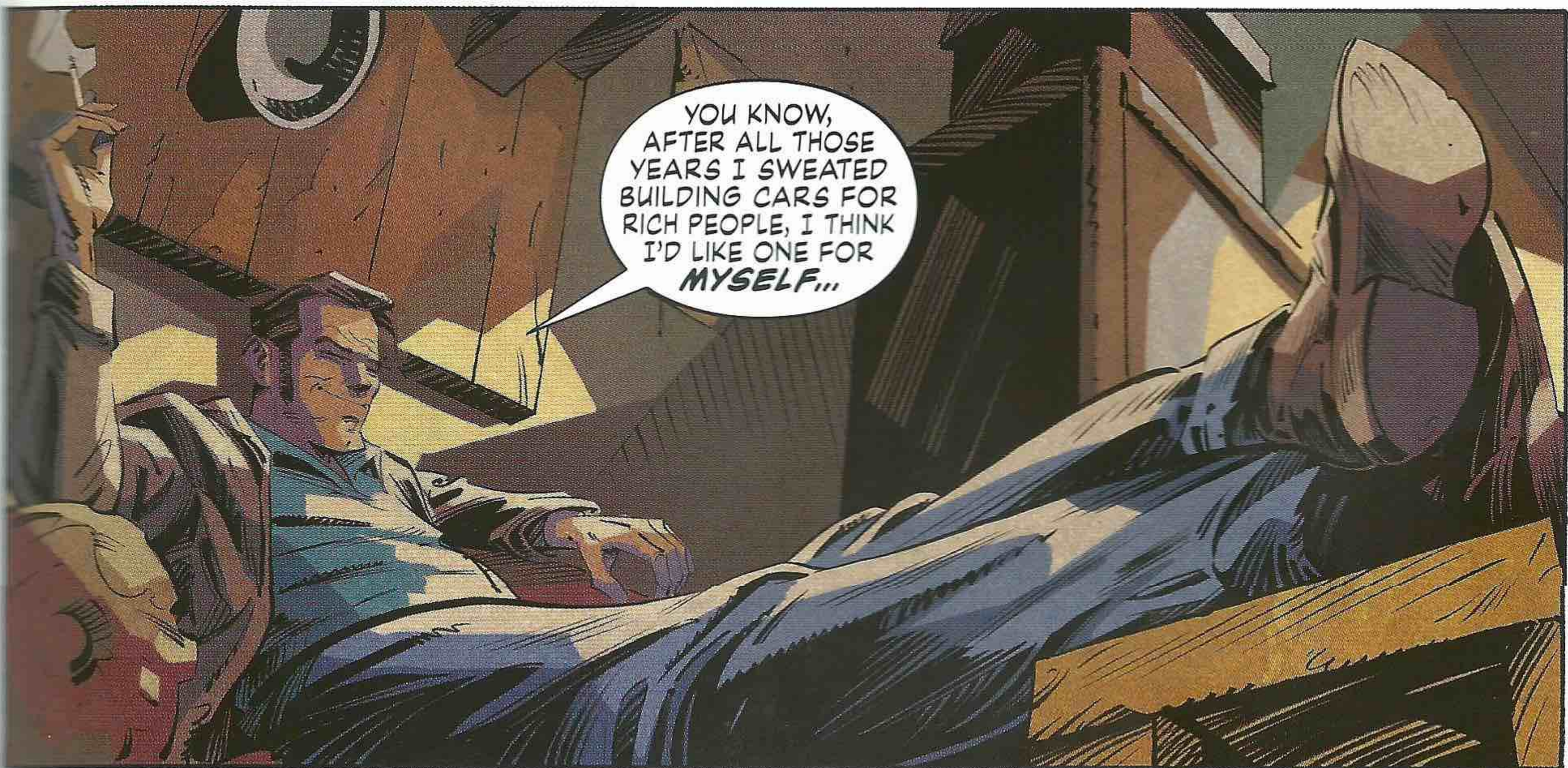
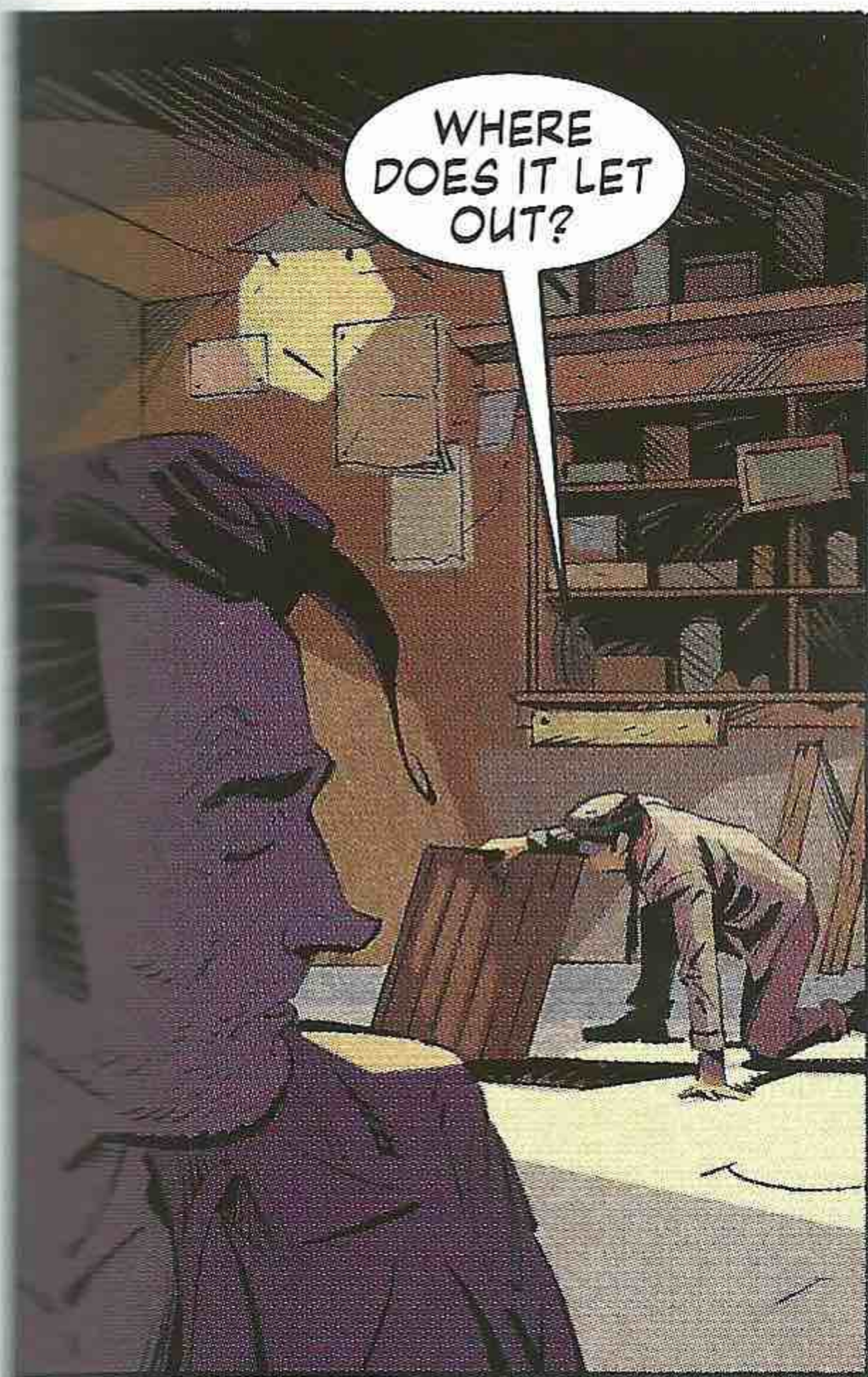
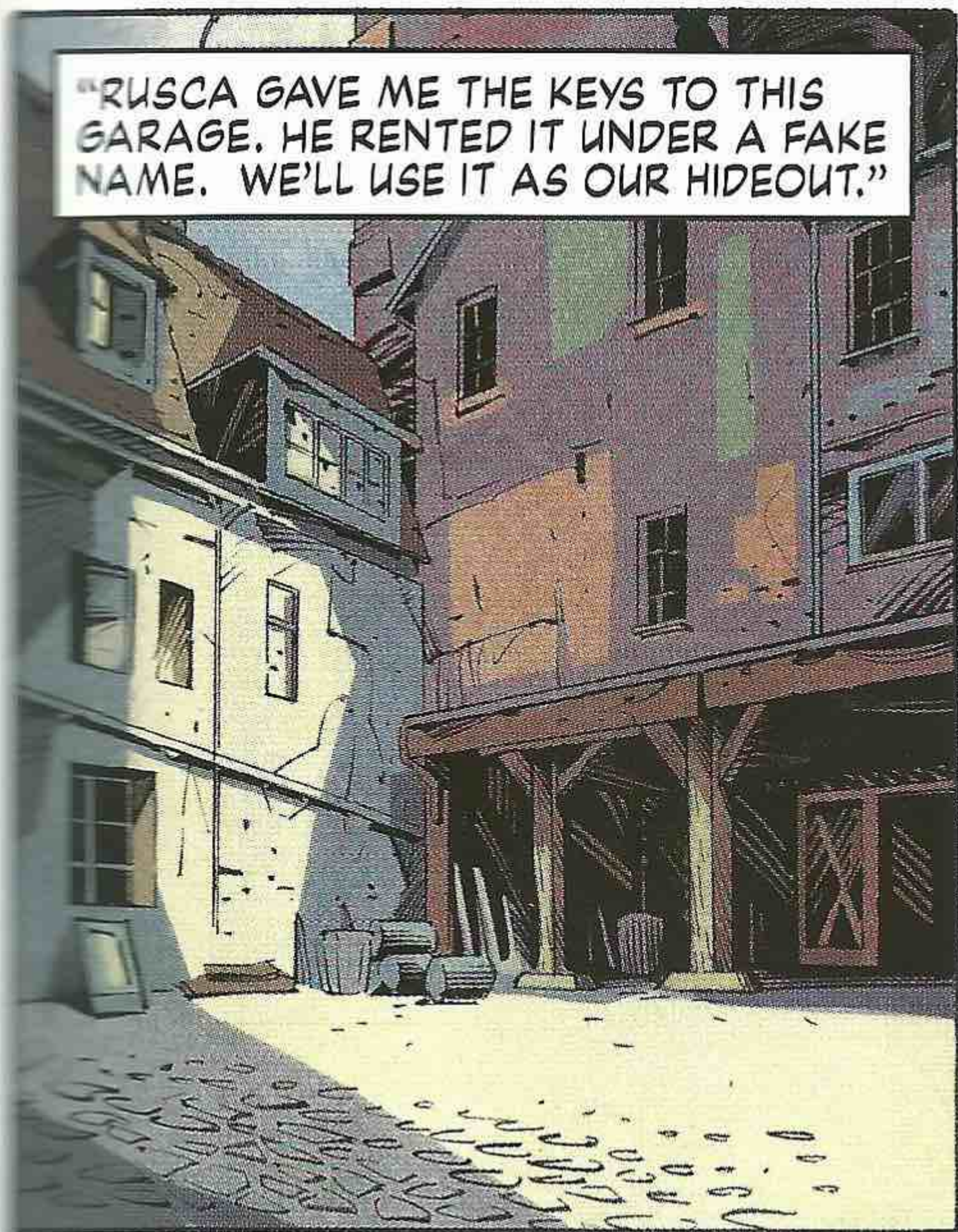


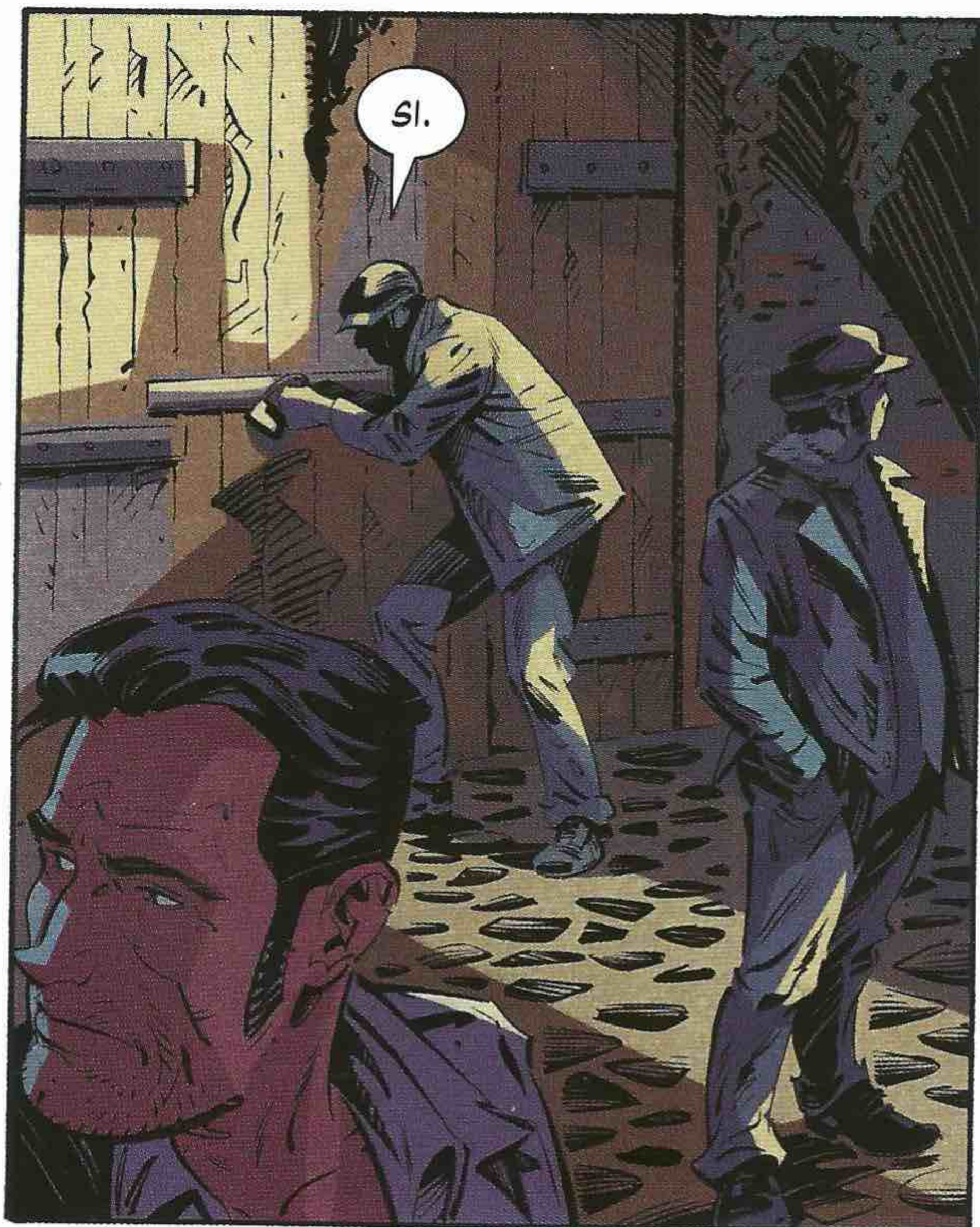


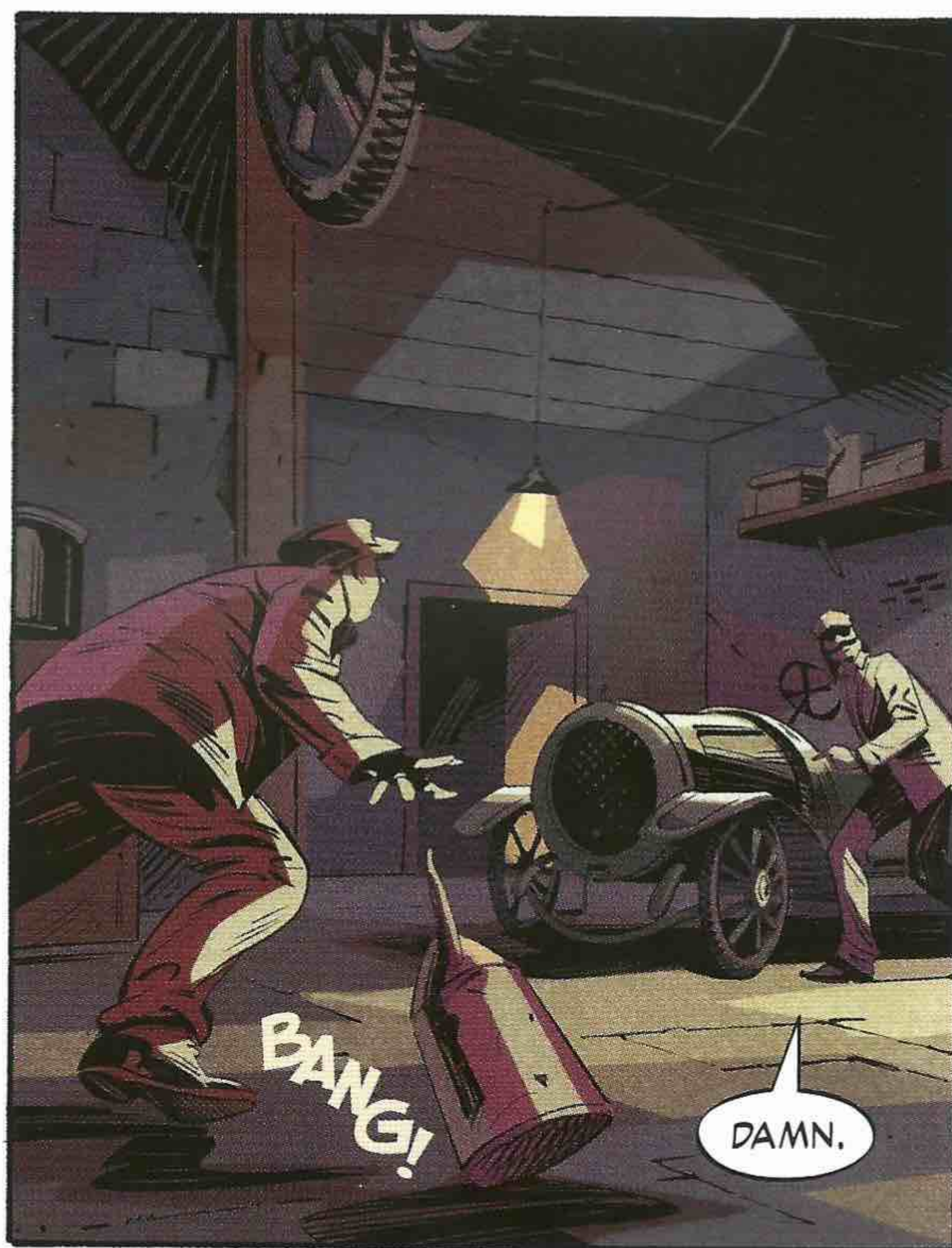


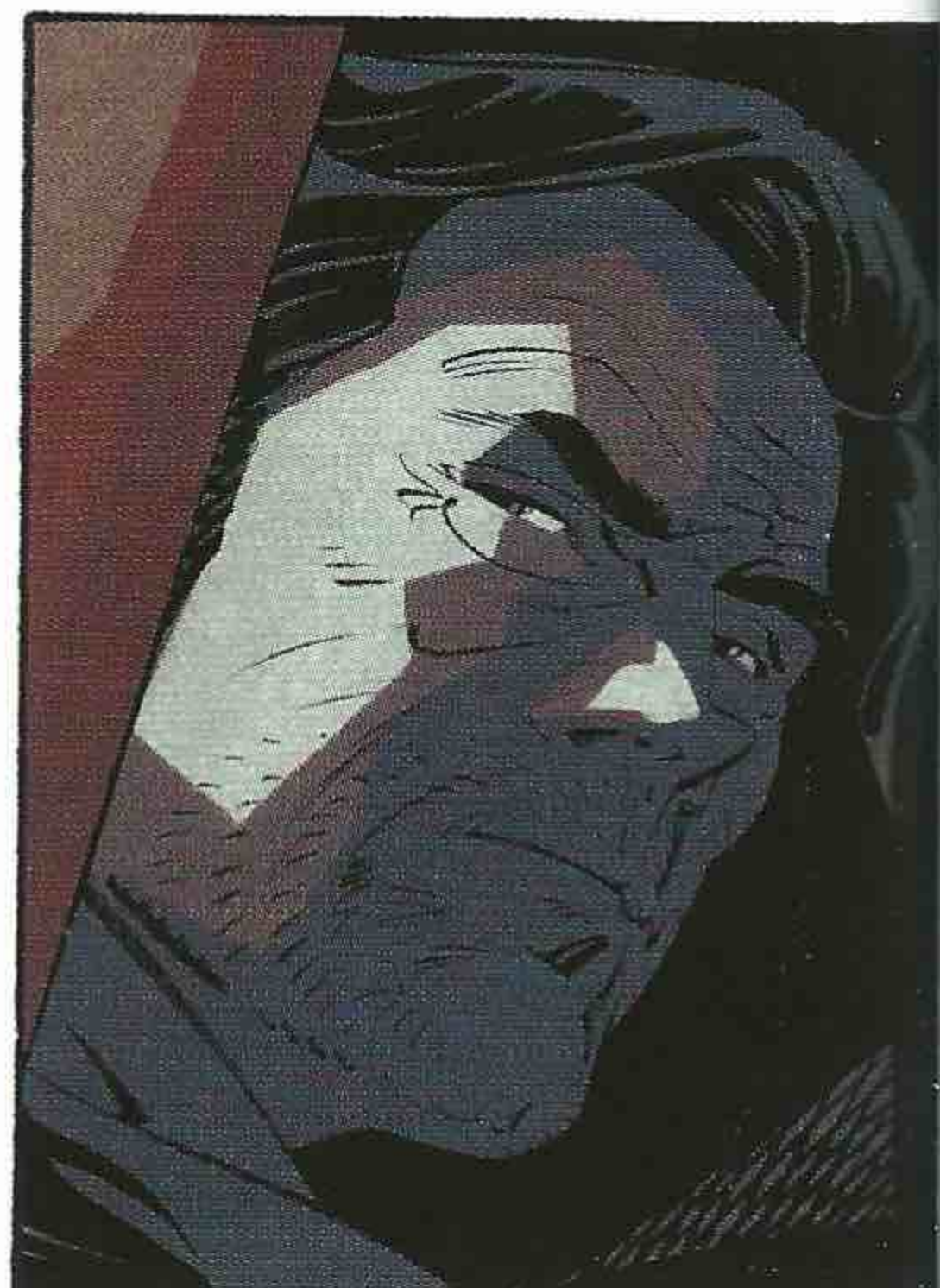
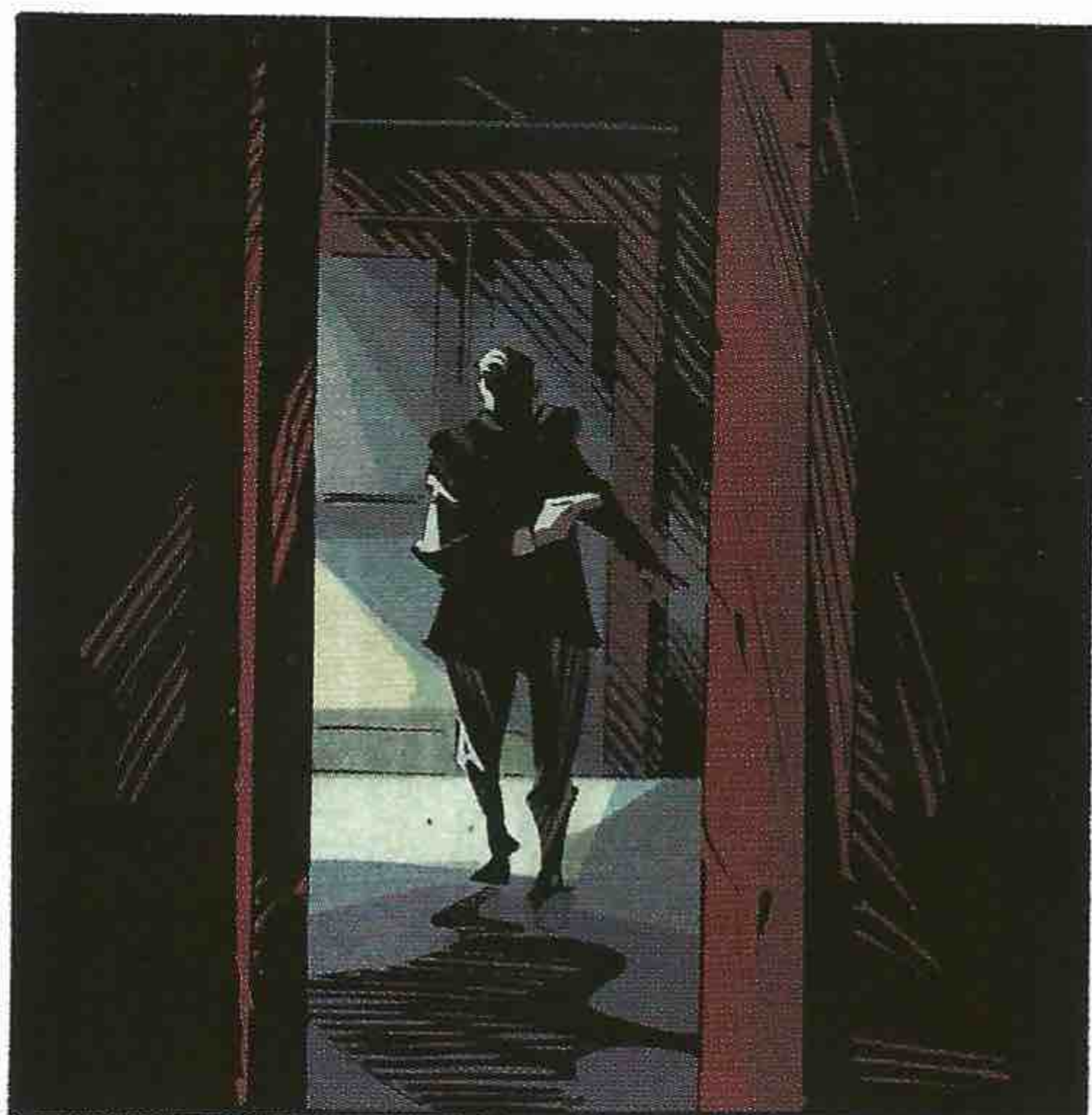
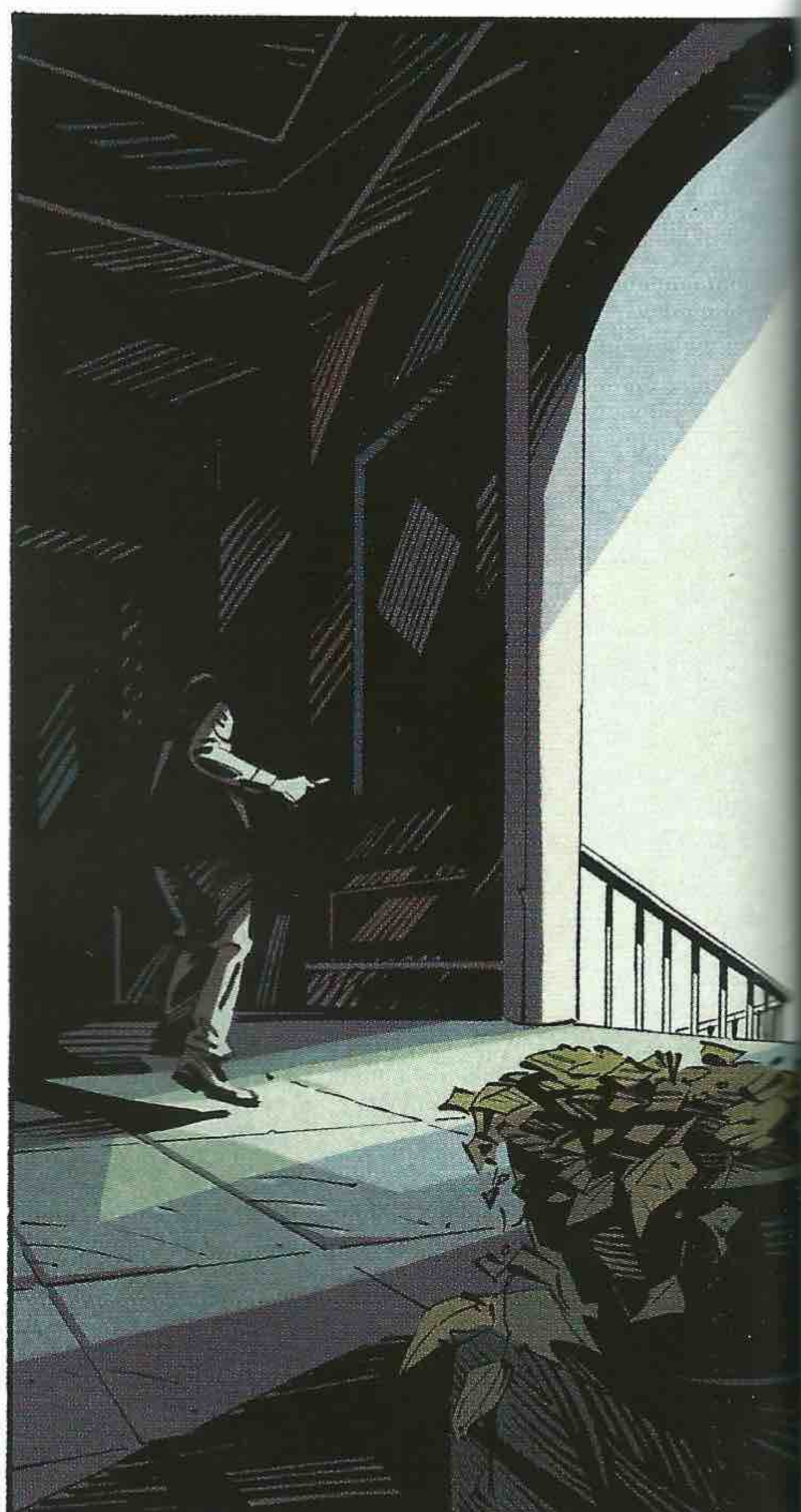
I'VE
NEVER
FELT THIS
HAPPY.

YES.













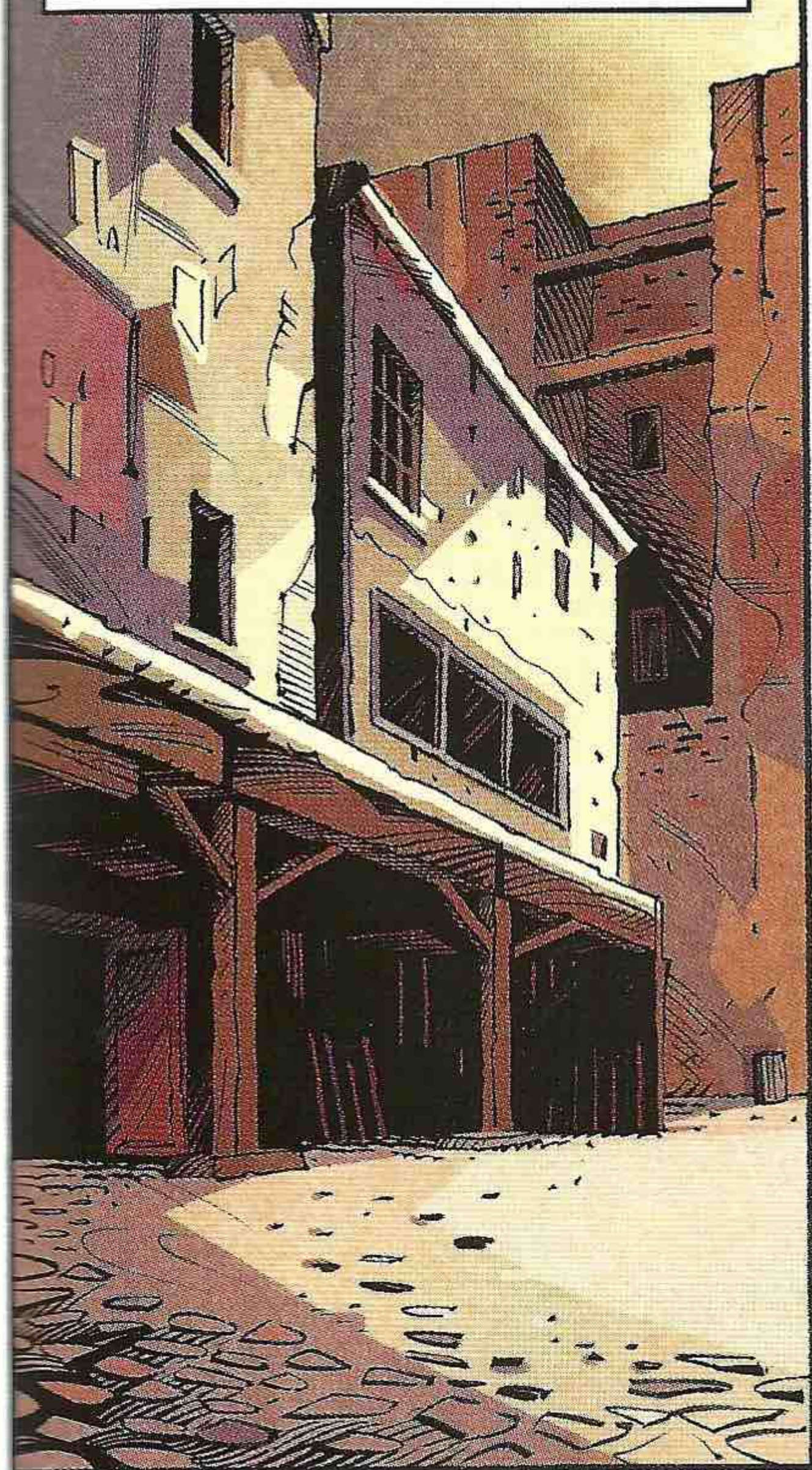




WE ARE
THE KINGS OF
PARIS!!!

VROOOOOM!

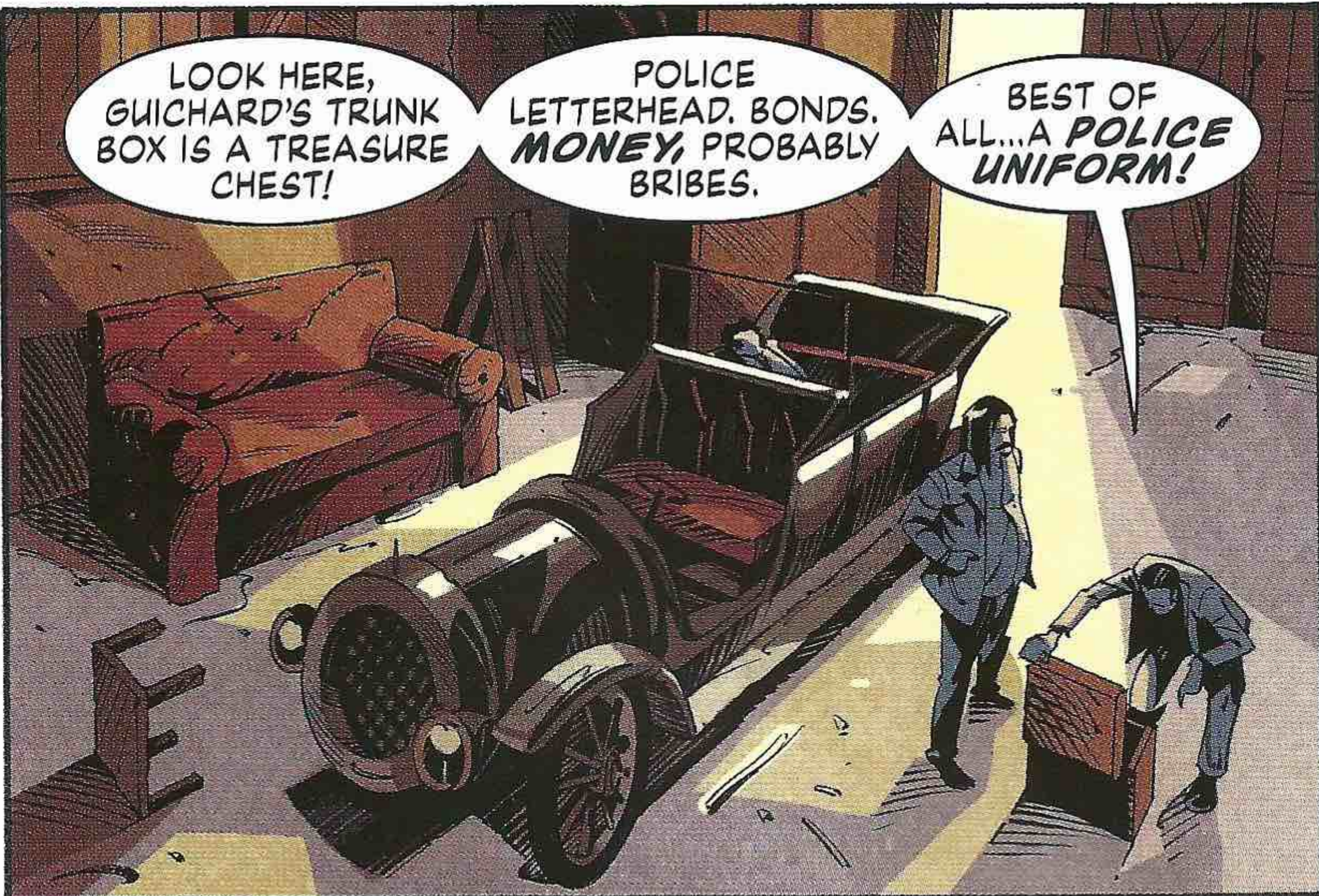
"THAT WAS SOME **JOYRIDE** WE HAD LAST NIGHT. SHAME WE HAVE TO STRIP THE CAR DOWN."



LOOK HERE, GUICHARD'S TRUNK BOX IS A TREASURE CHEST!

POLICE LETTERHEAD. BONDS. **MONEY**, PROBABLY BRIBES.

BEST OF ALL...A **POLICE UNIFORM!**



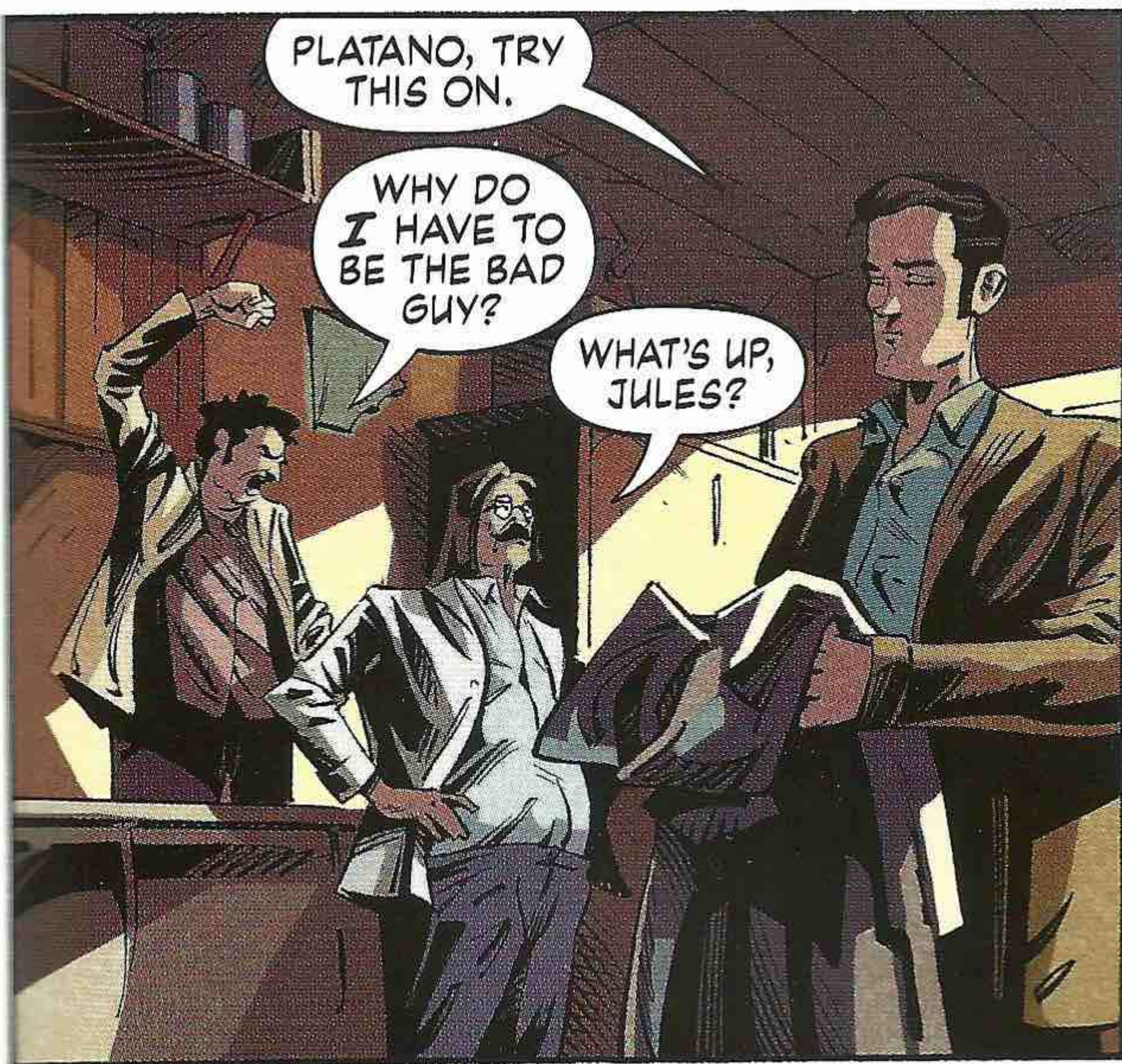
ARE THERE ANY **SMOKES?**



PLATANO, TRY THIS ON.

WHY DO **I** HAVE TO BE THE BAD GUY?

WHAT'S UP, JULES?



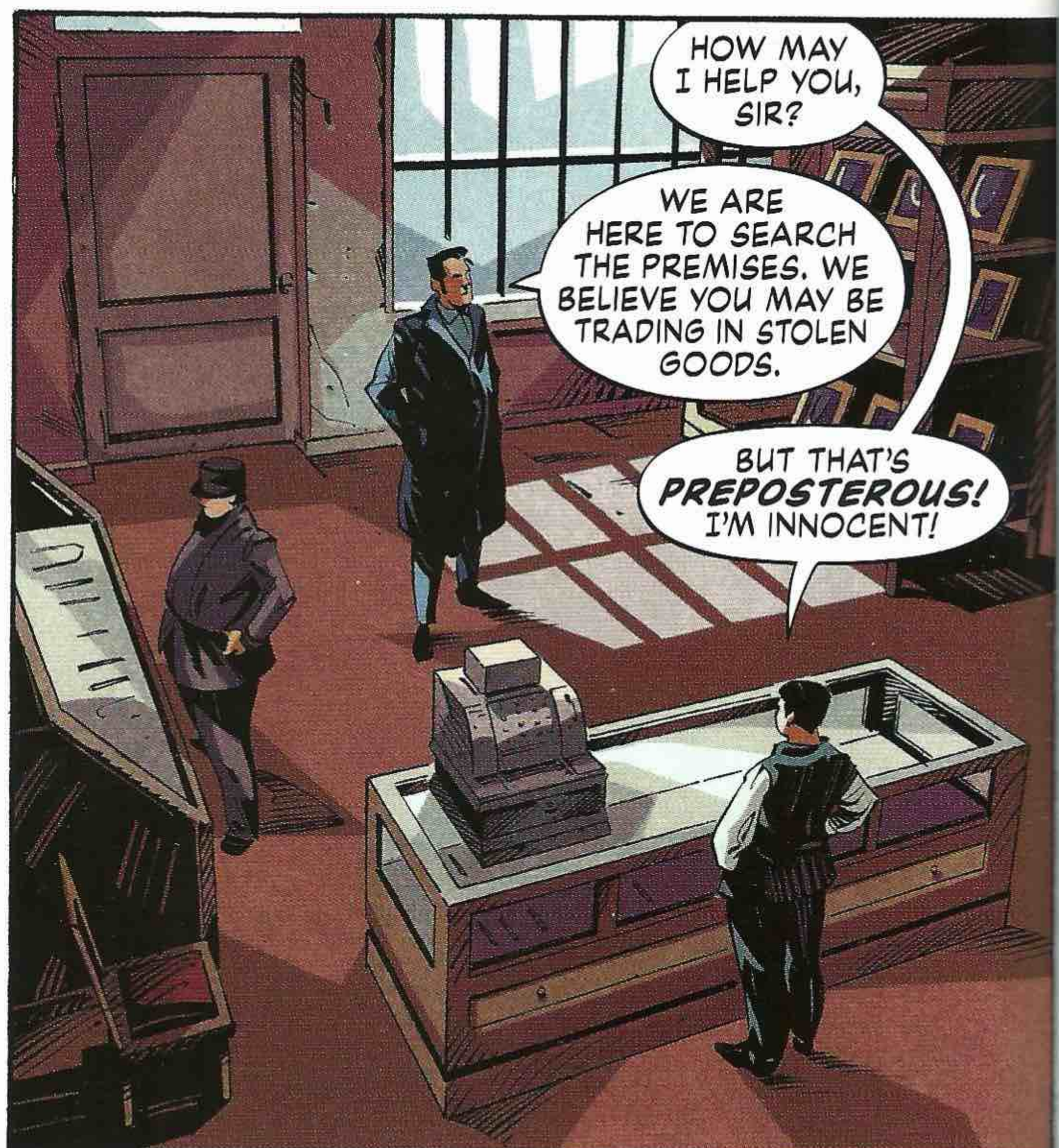
AN IDEA.

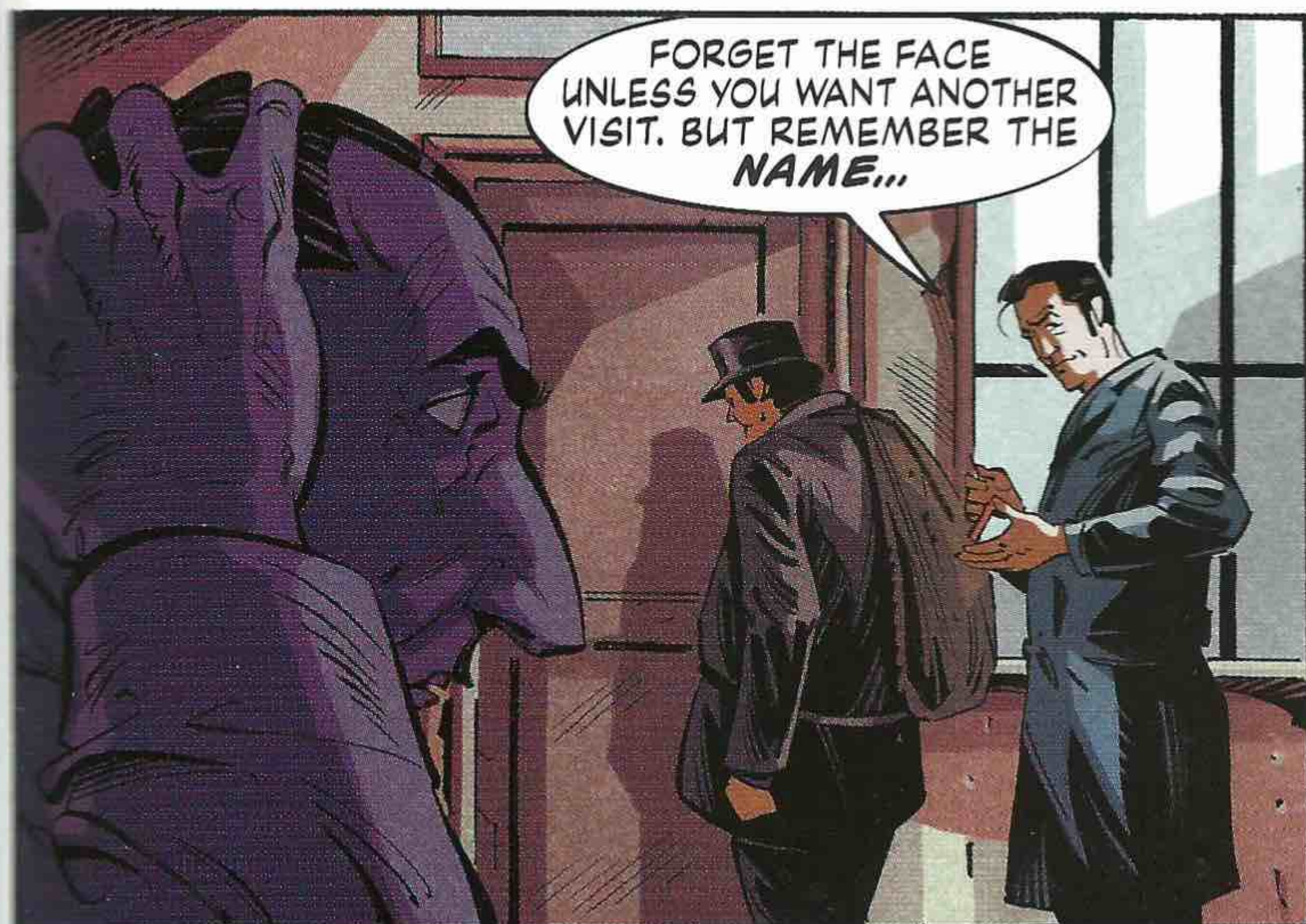
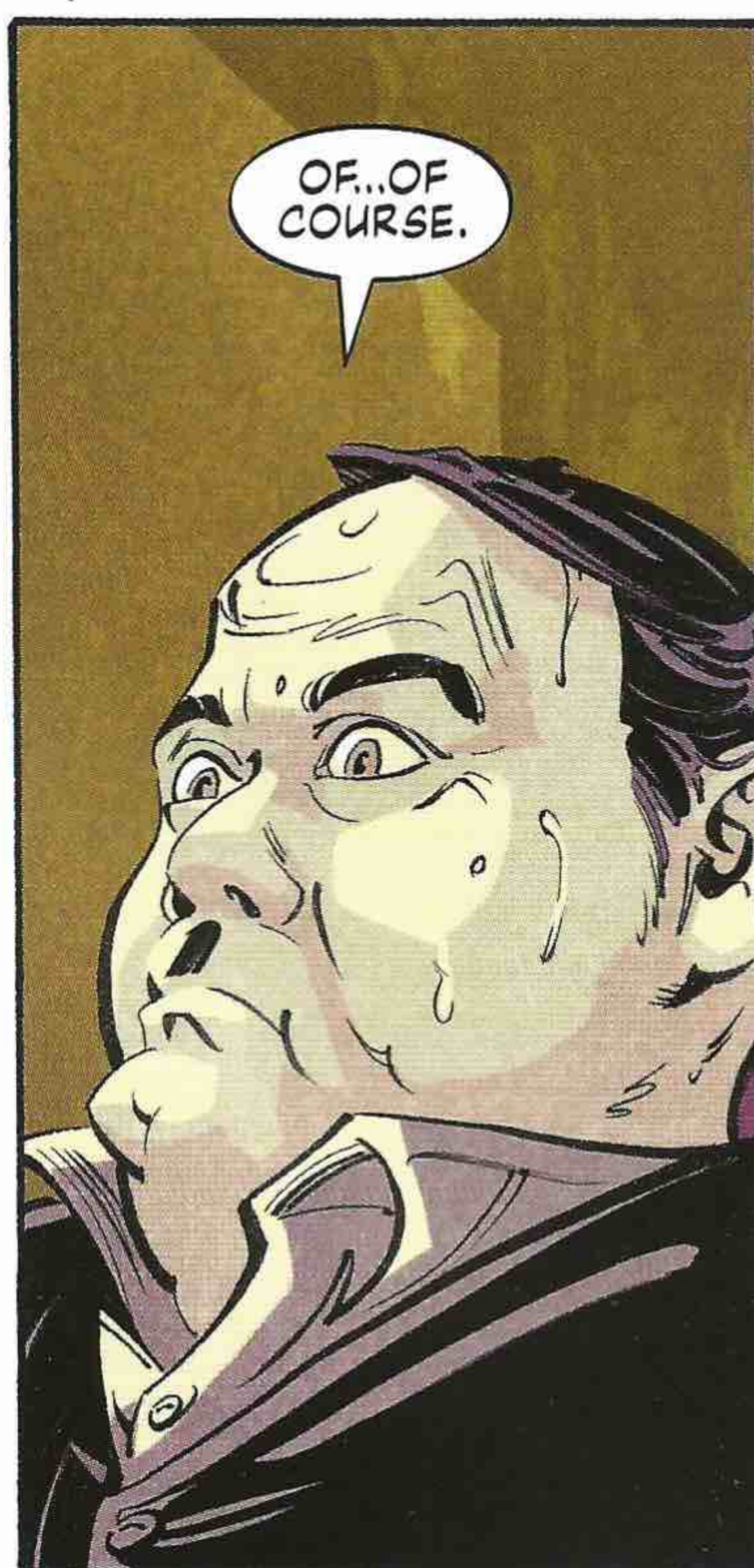
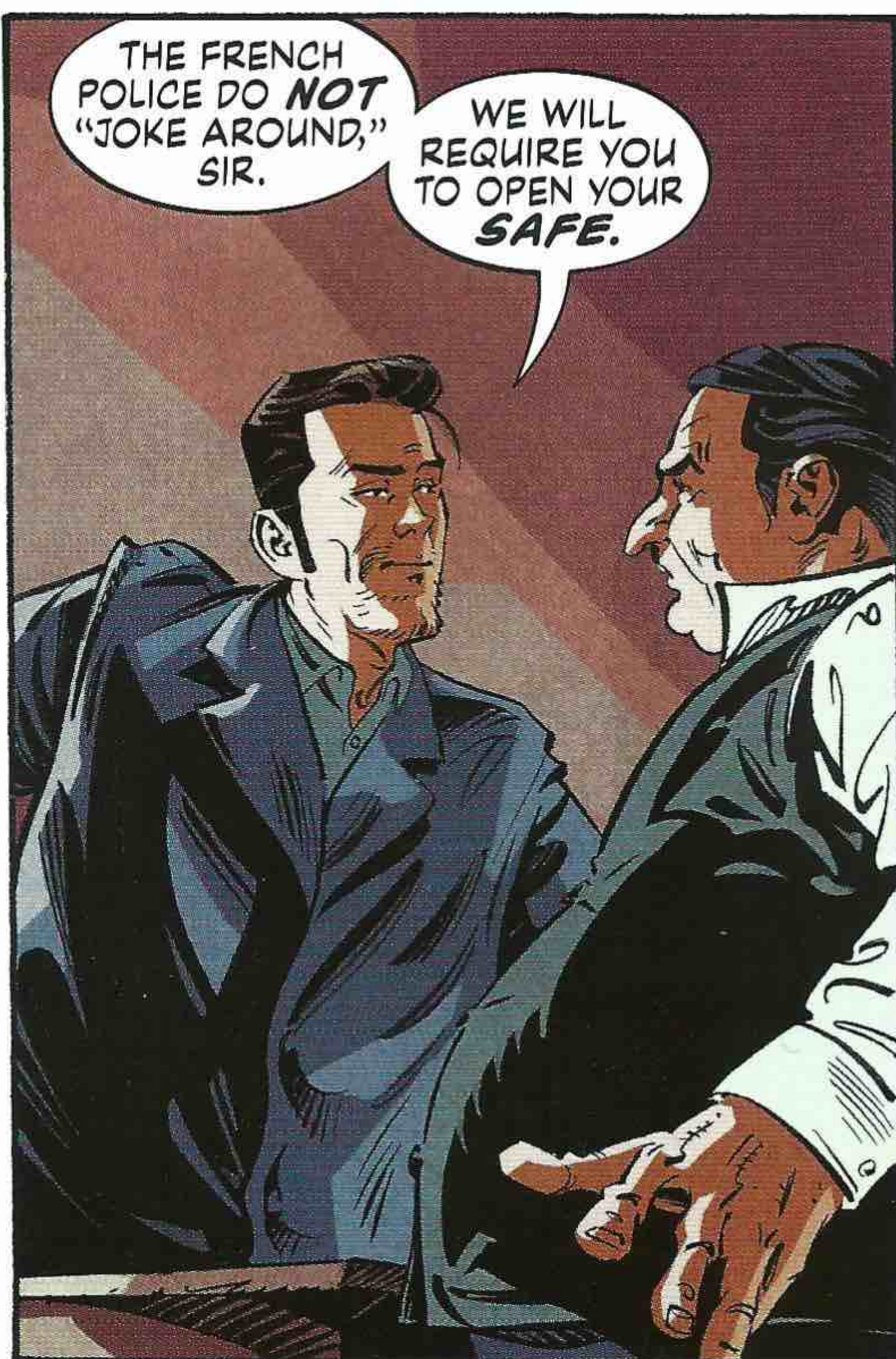
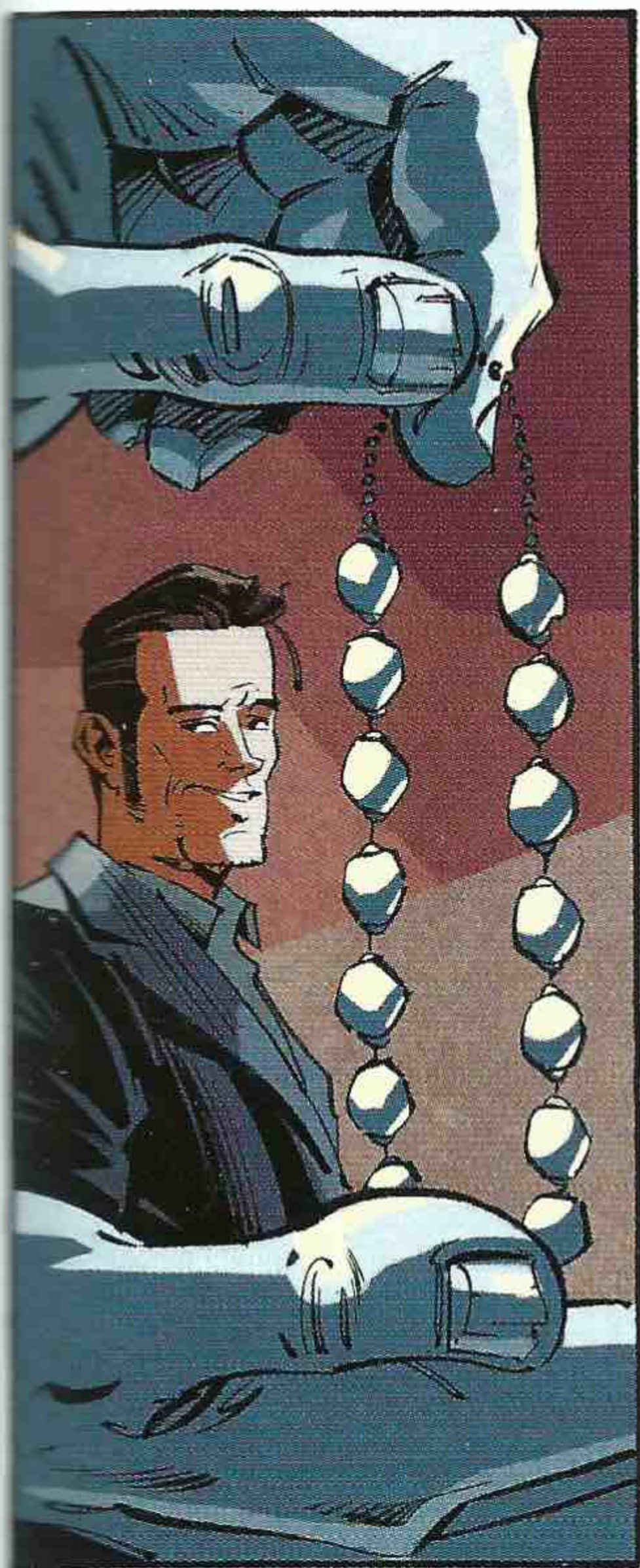


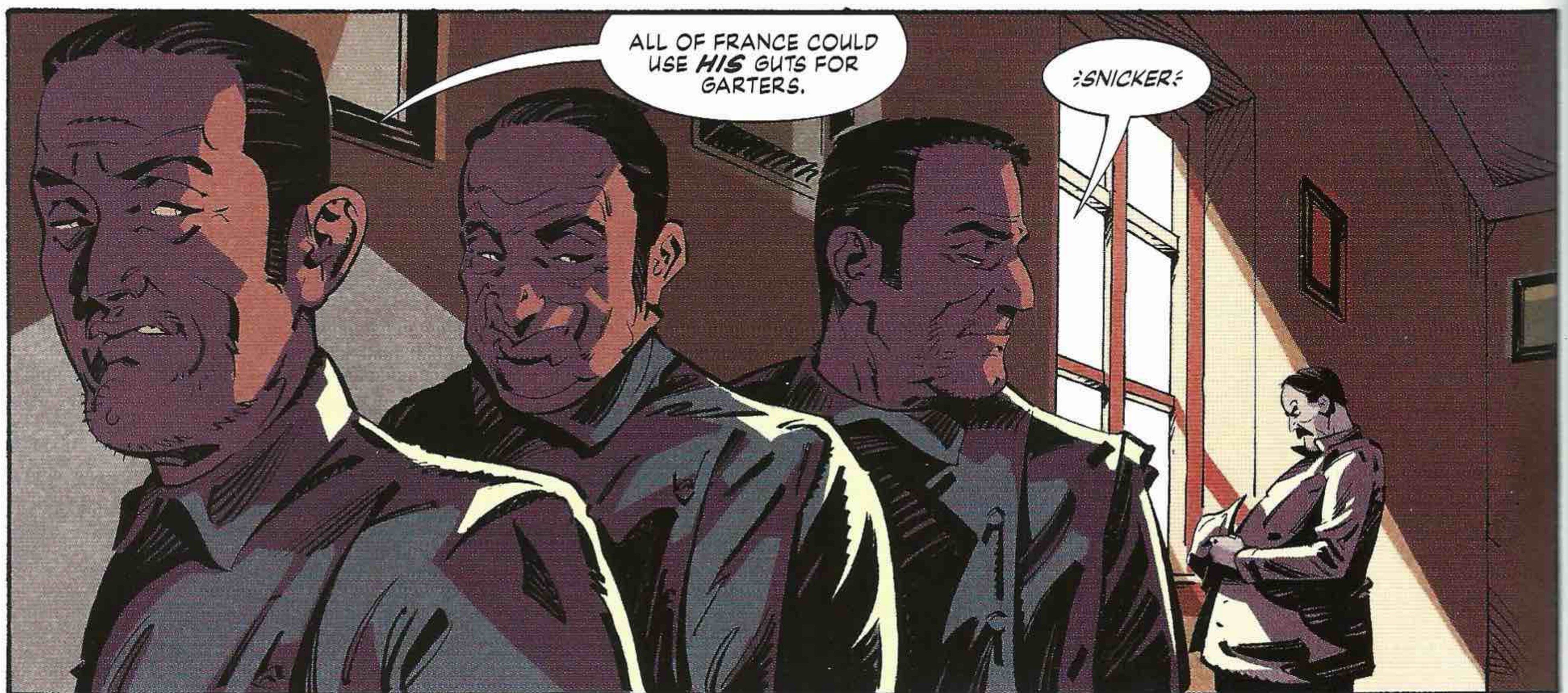
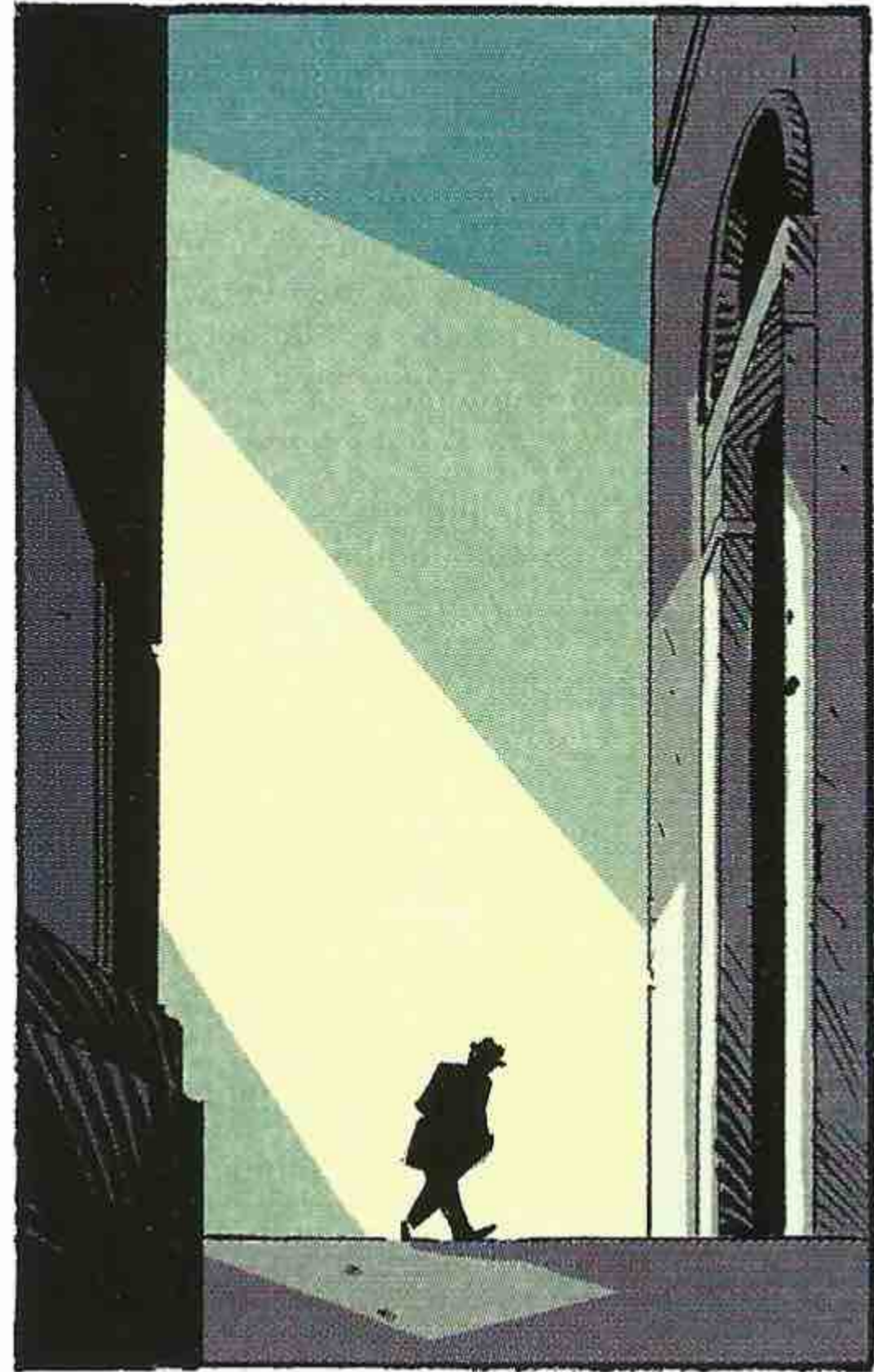
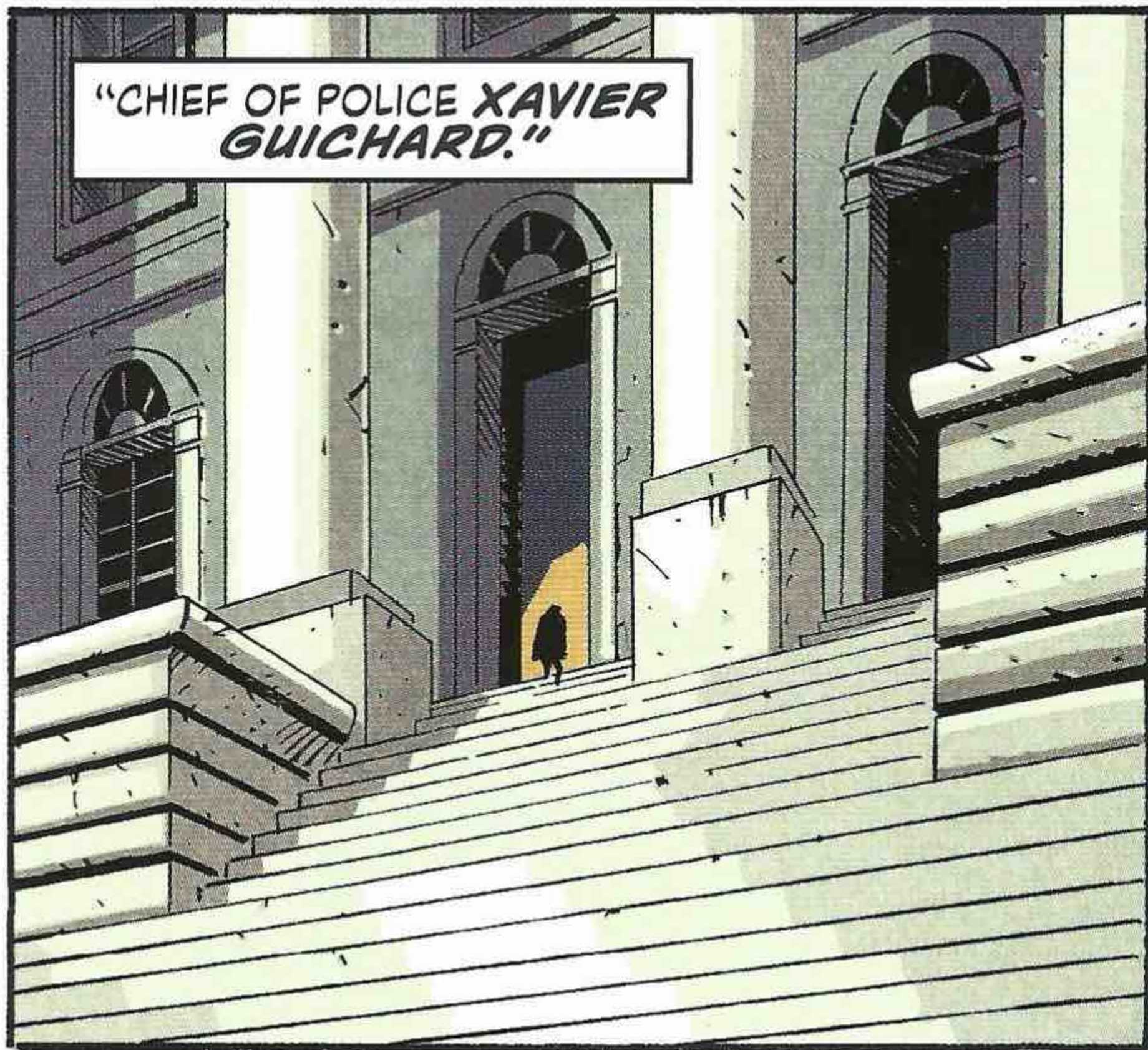
I DON'T GET IT.

YOU **WILL...**

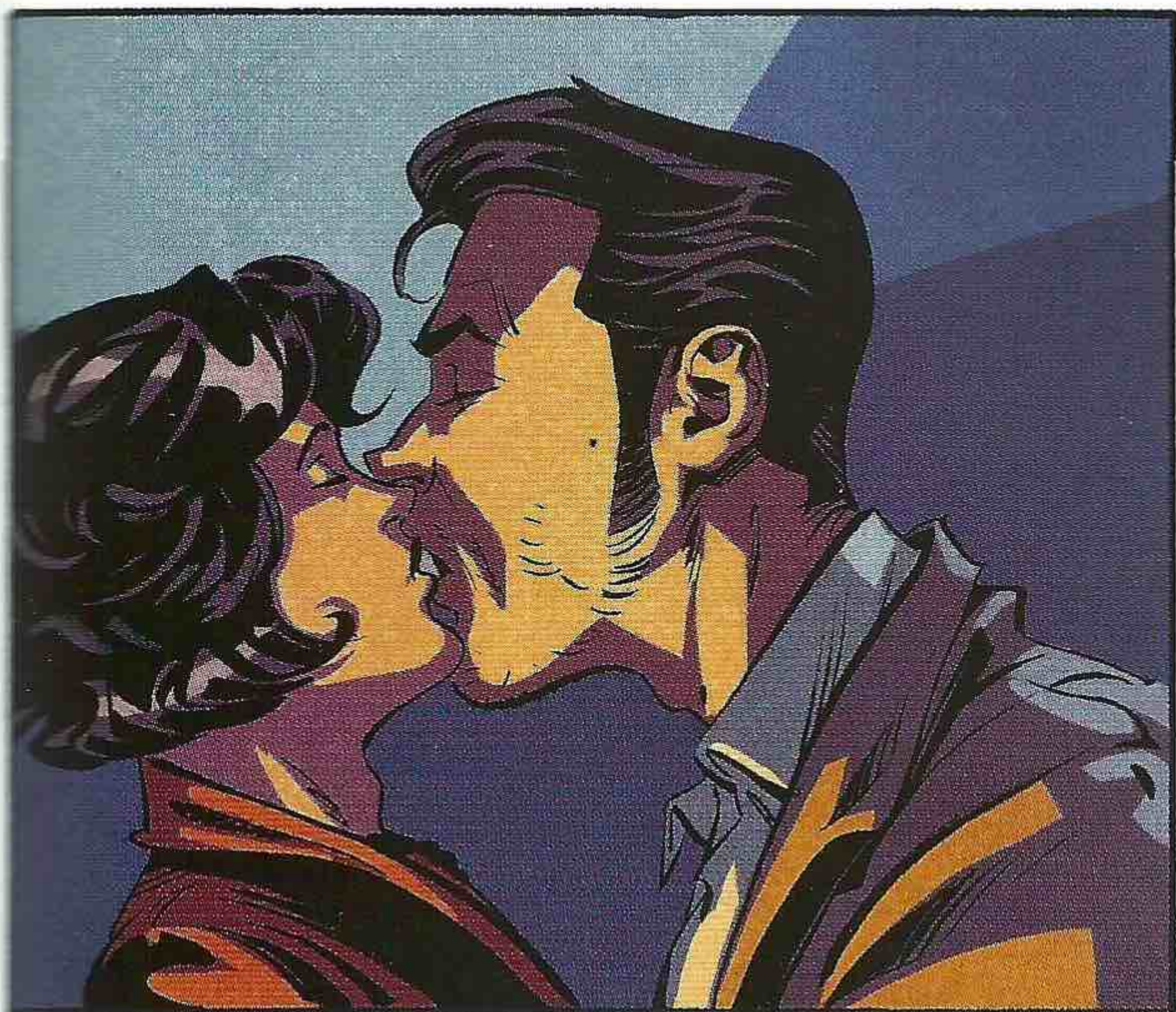


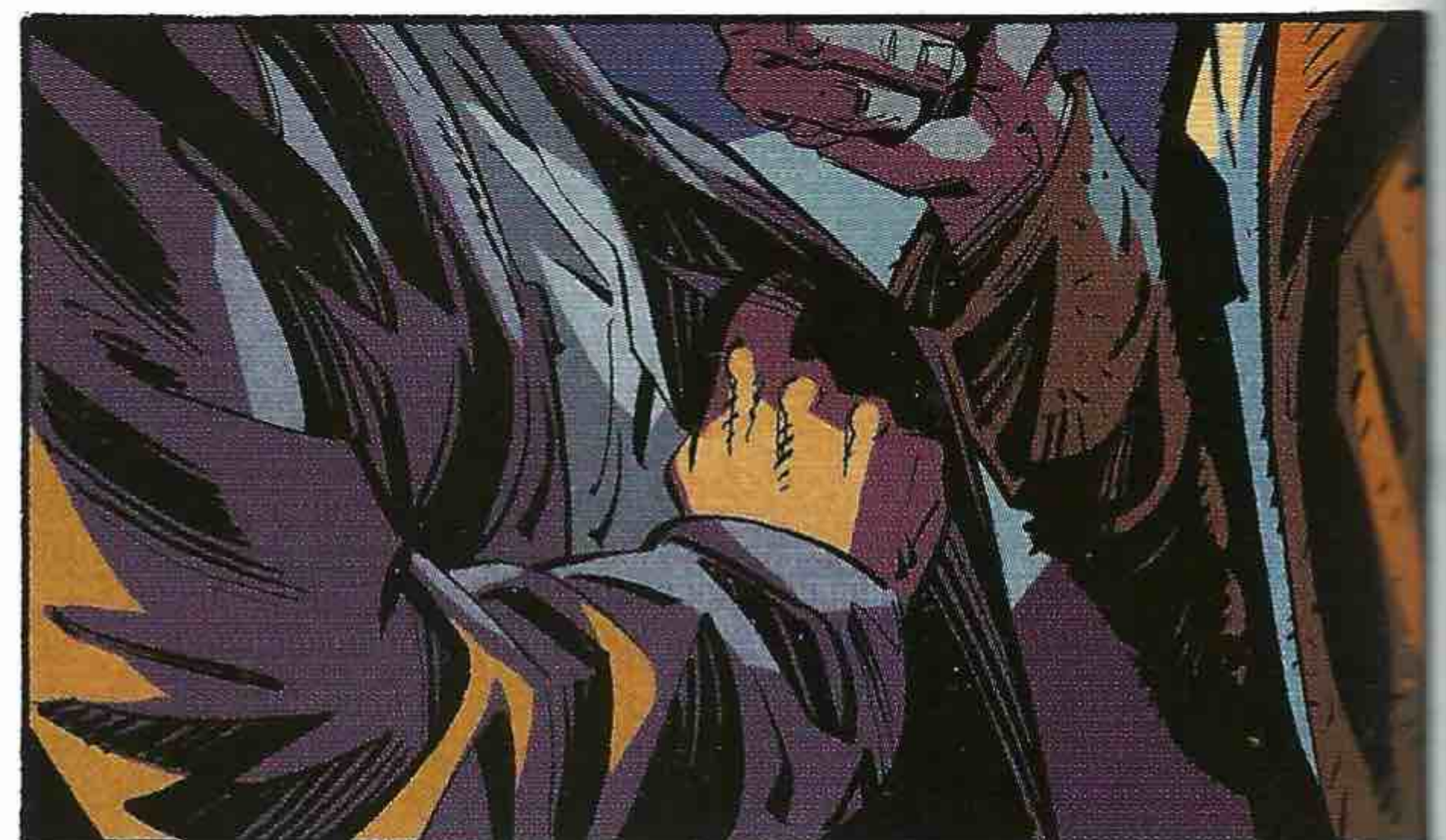
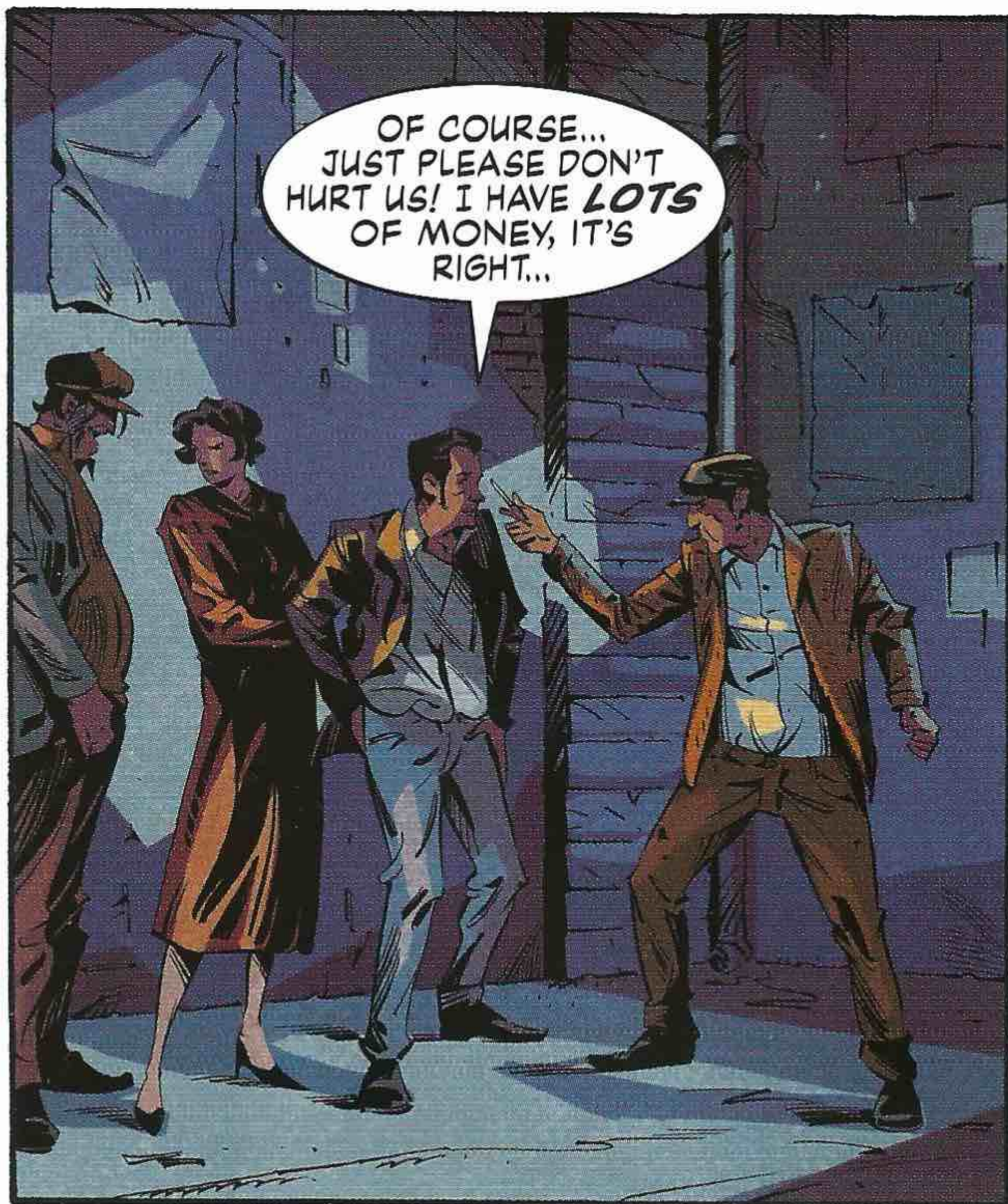
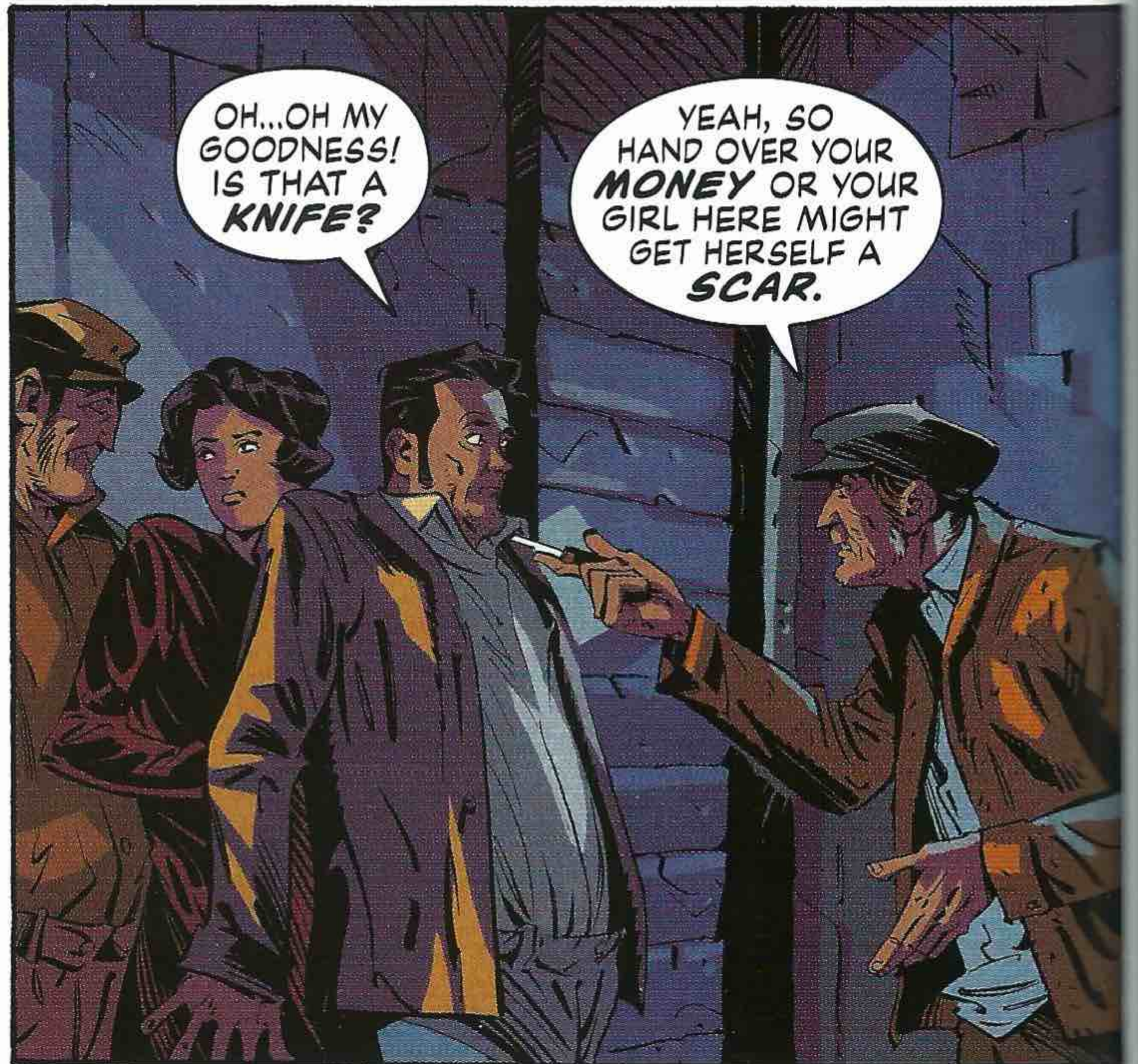
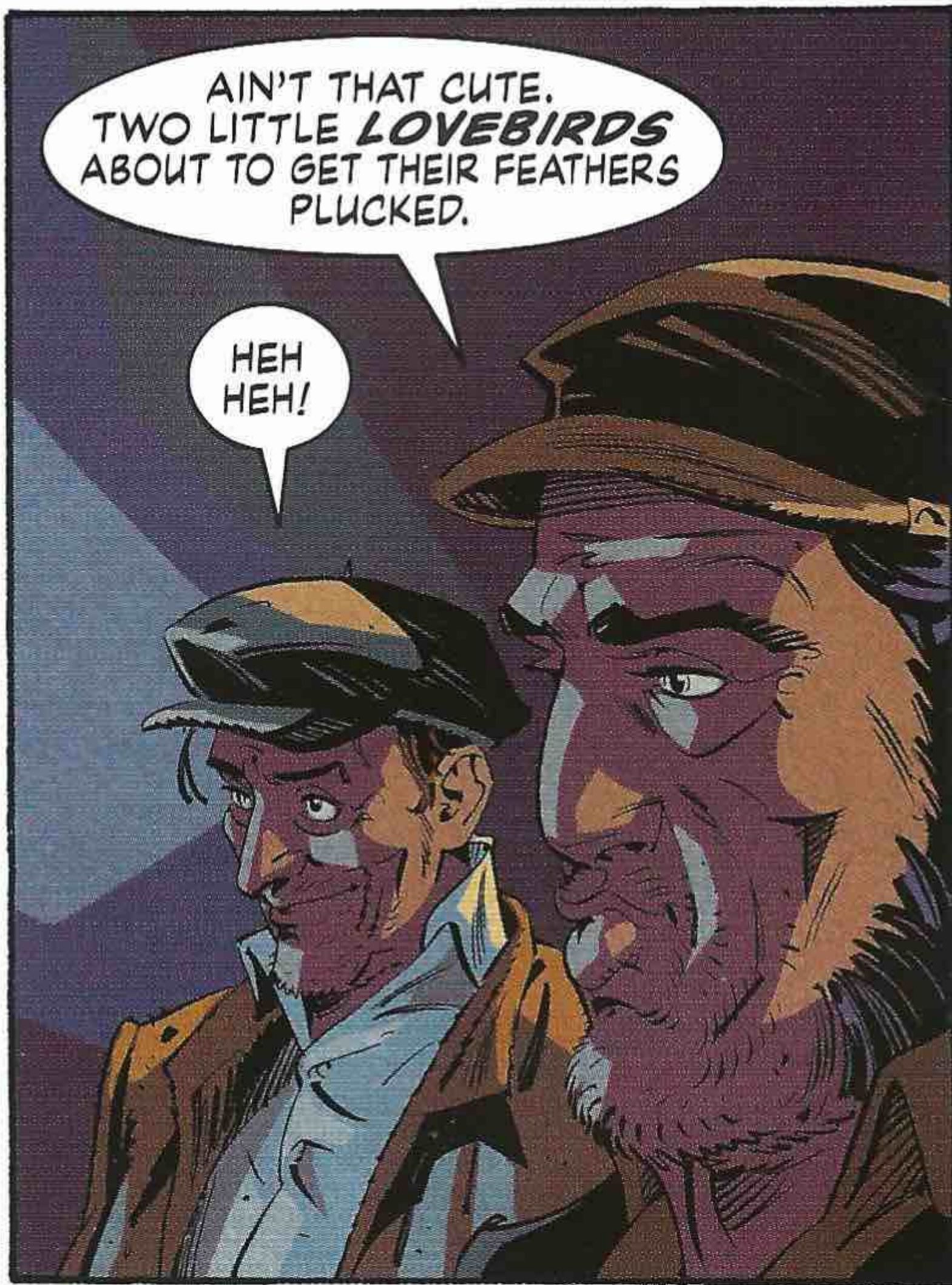




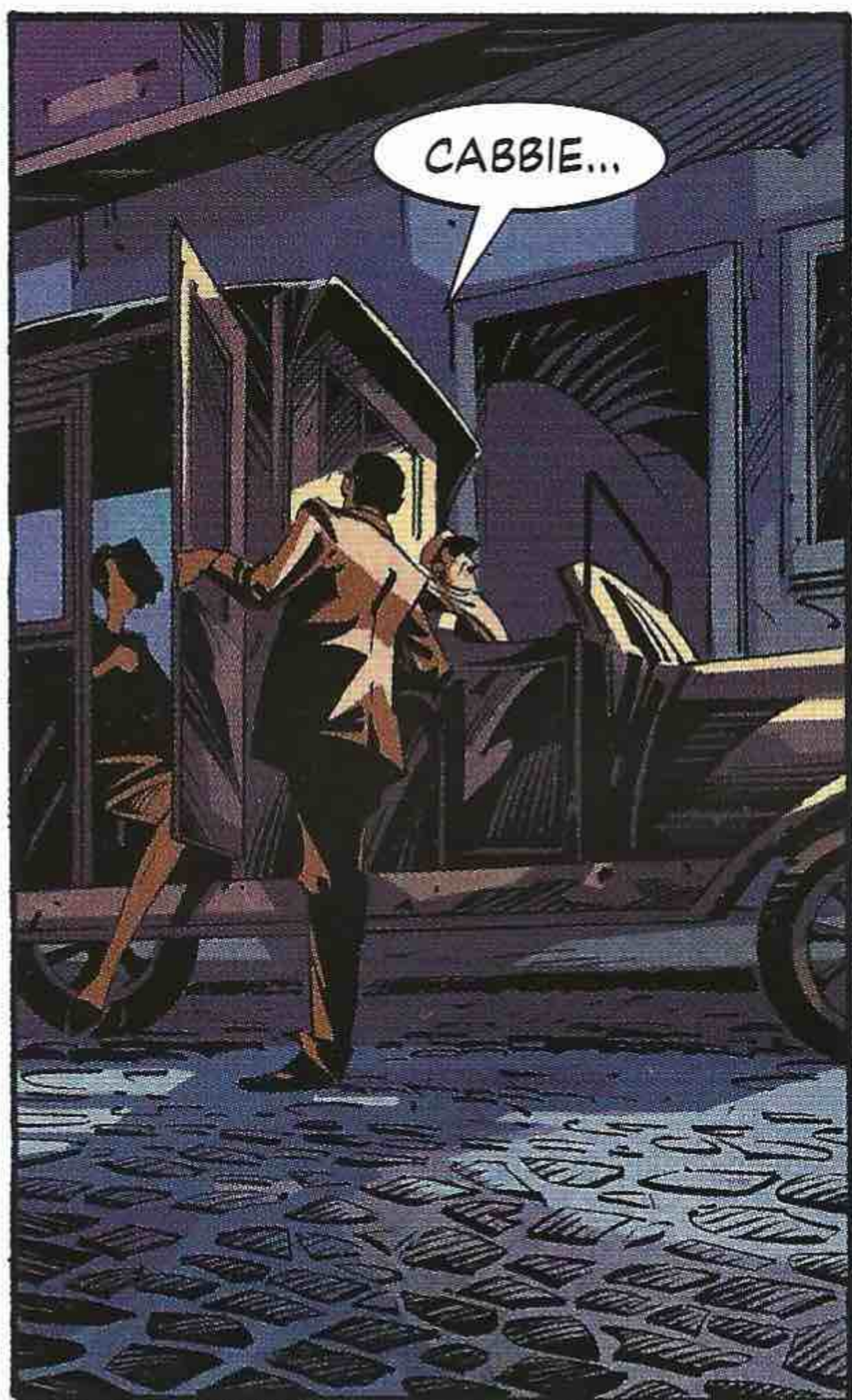


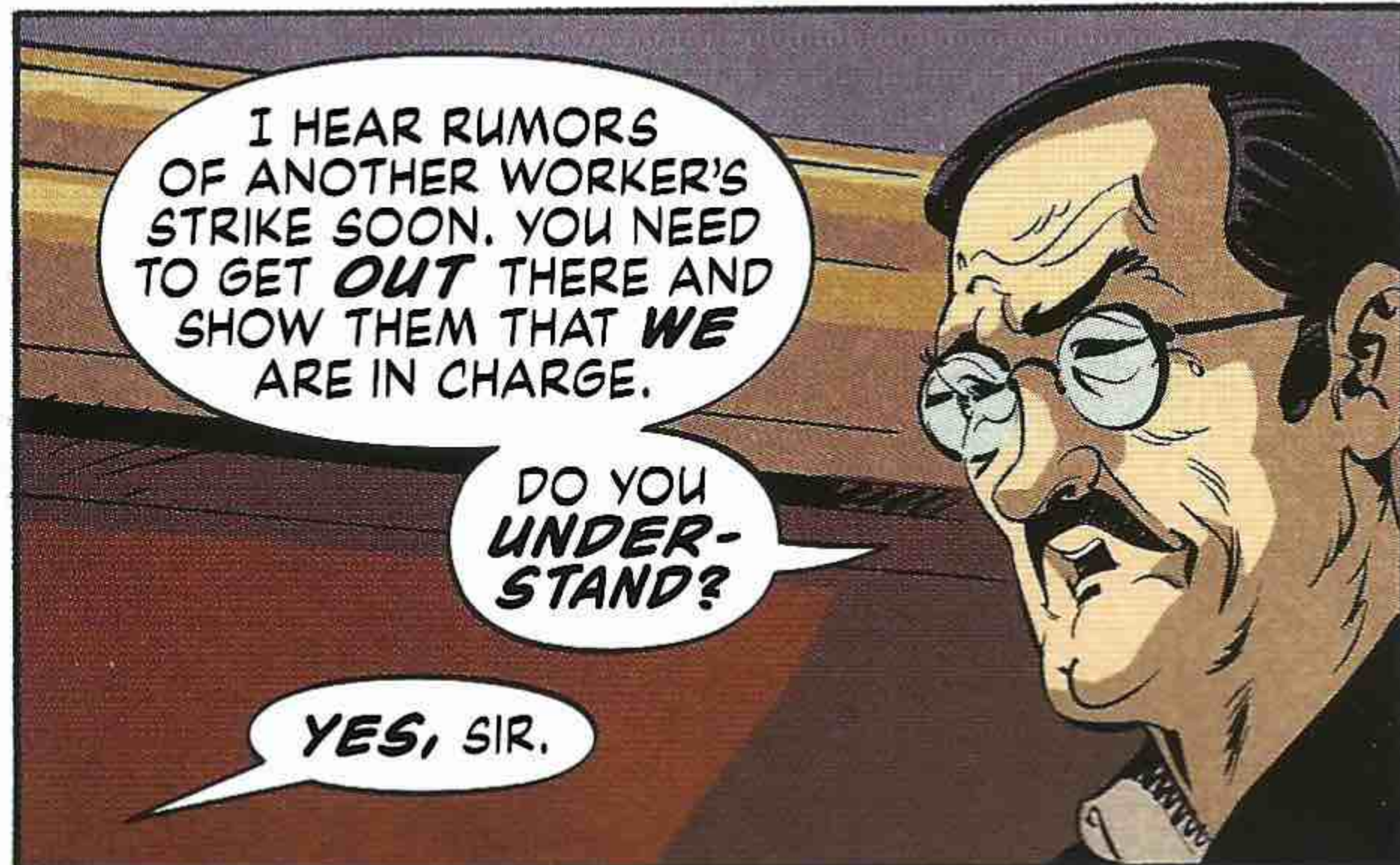
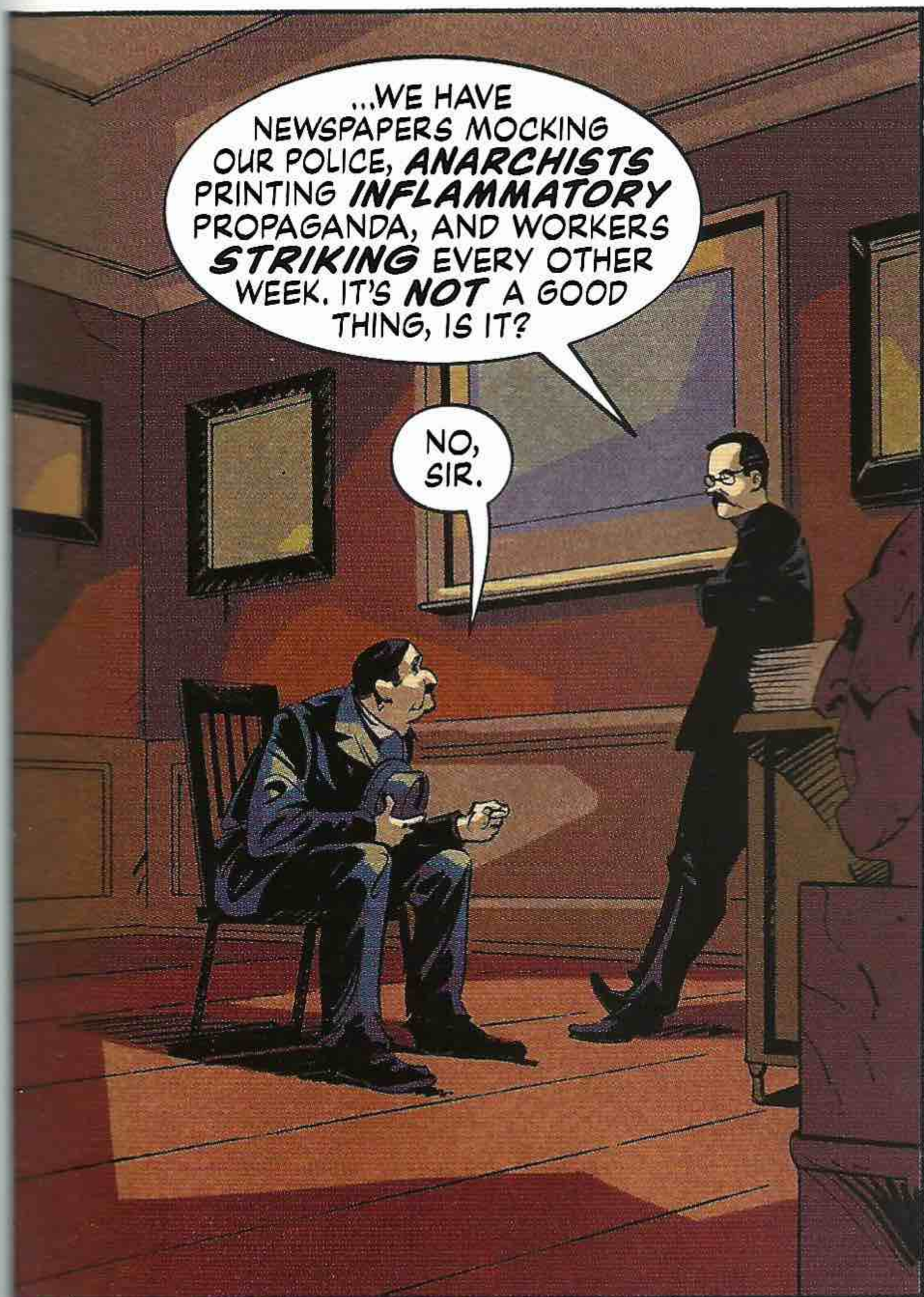
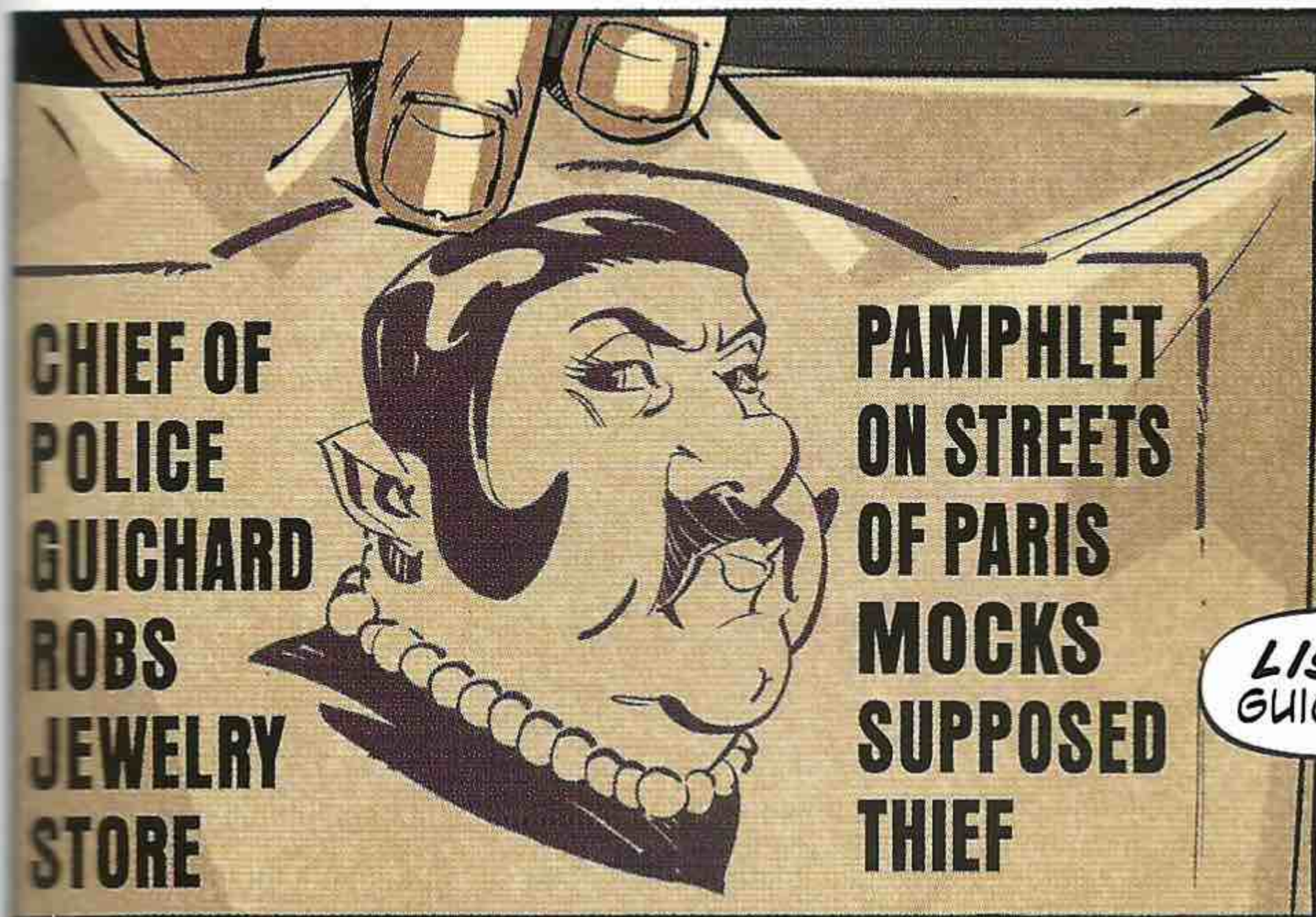
"YOU LOOK
BEAUTIFUL."

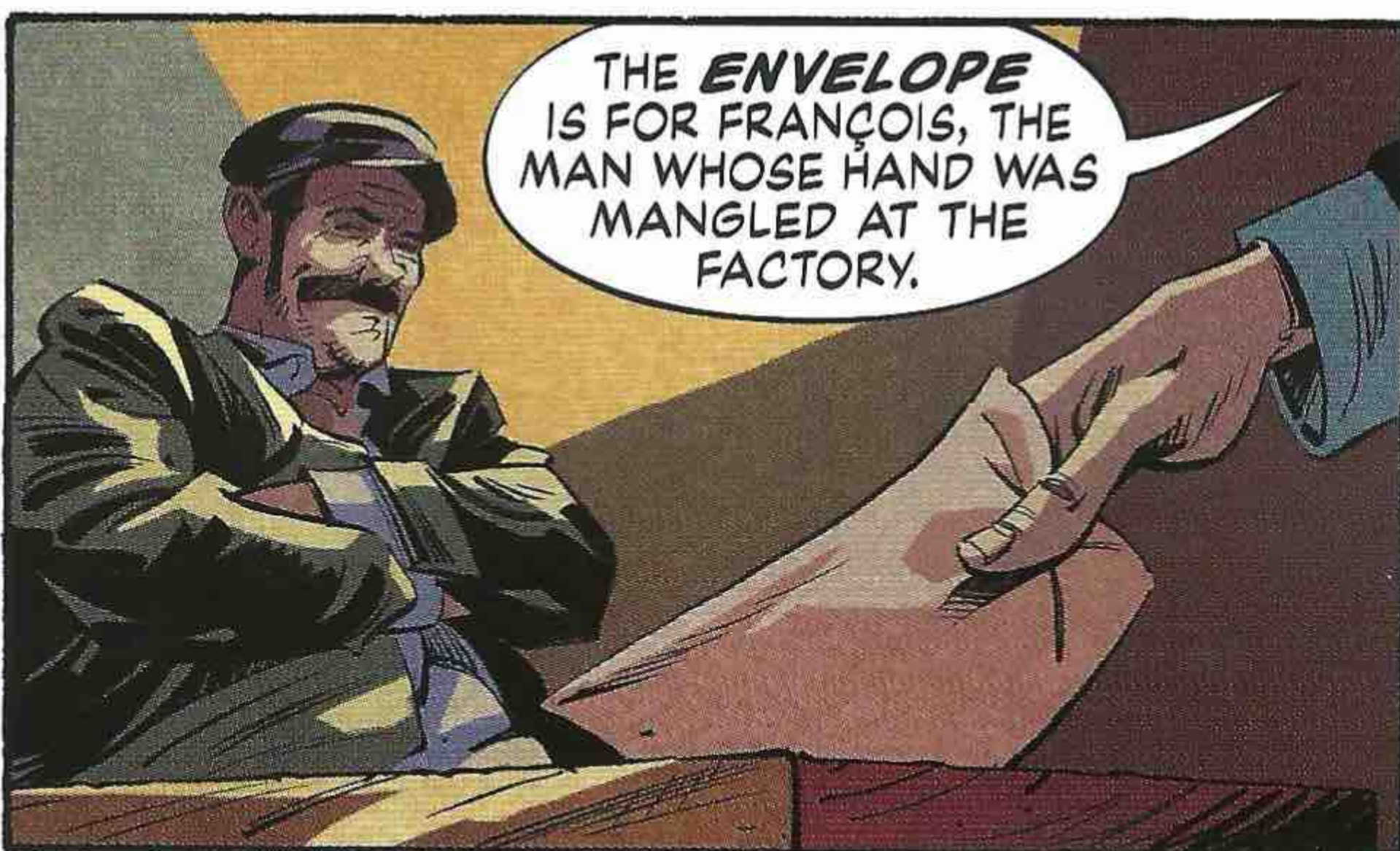
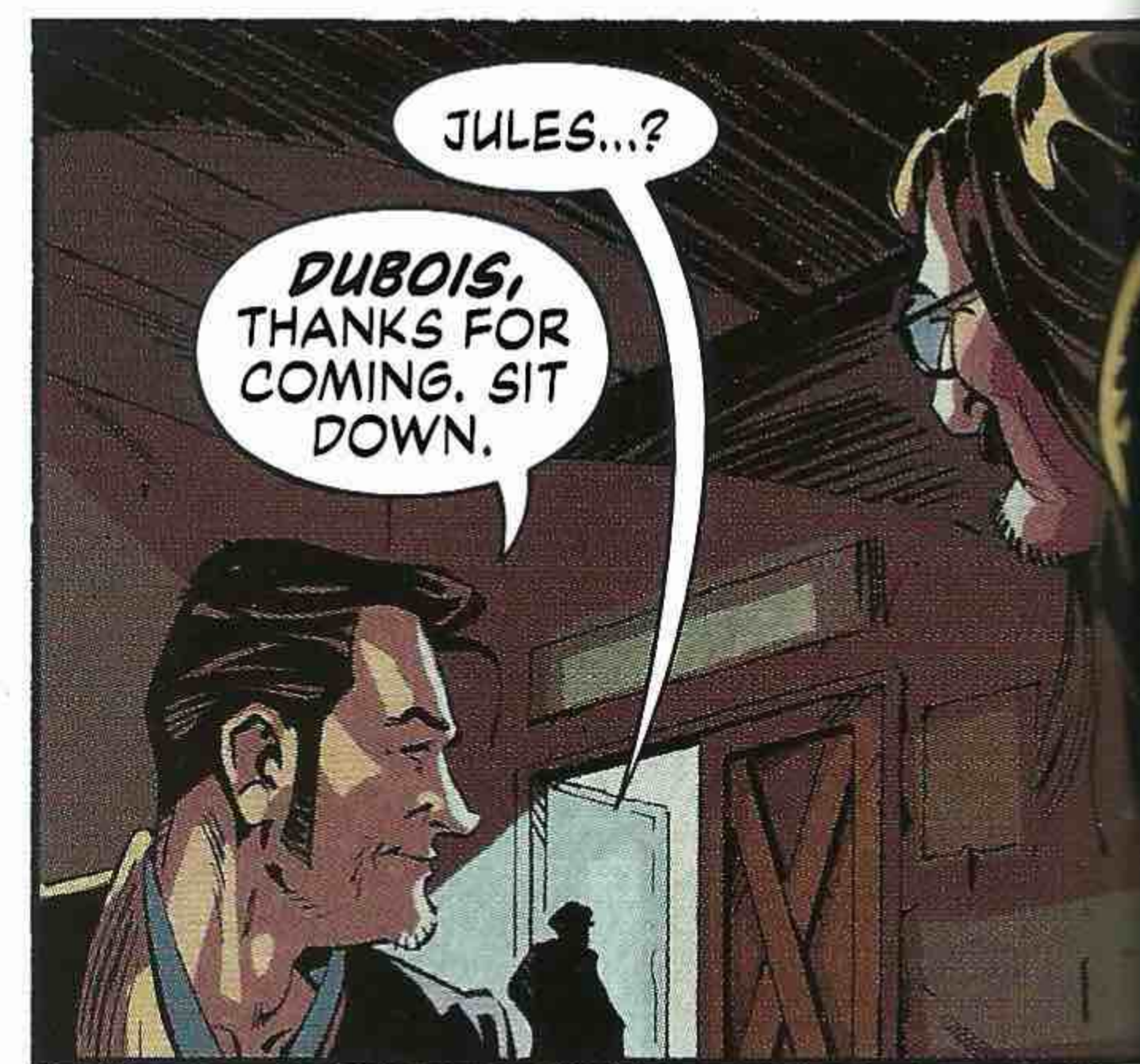




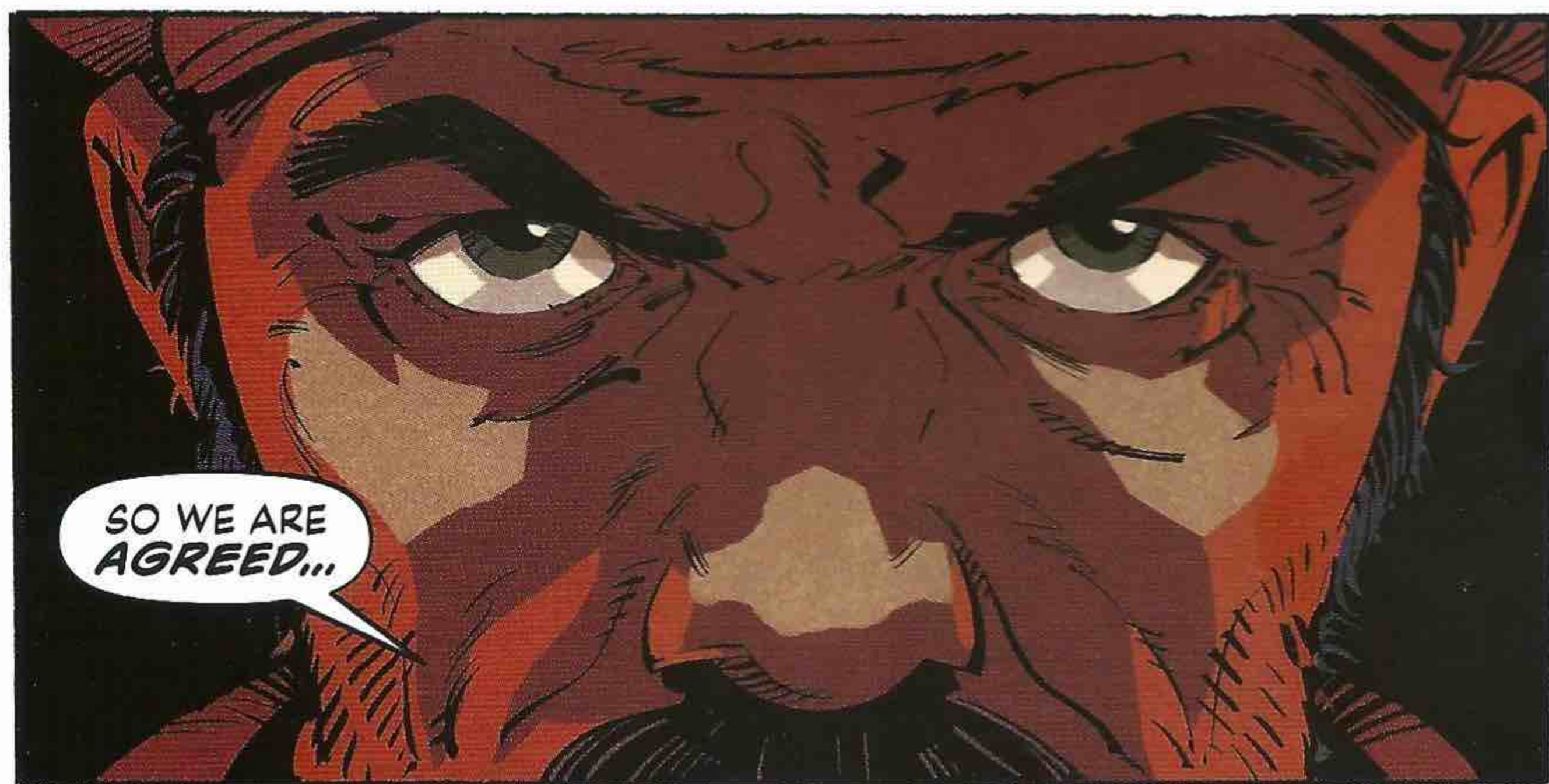








"NO. BUT I WISH
YOU *LUCK.*"



SO WE ARE
AGREED,,



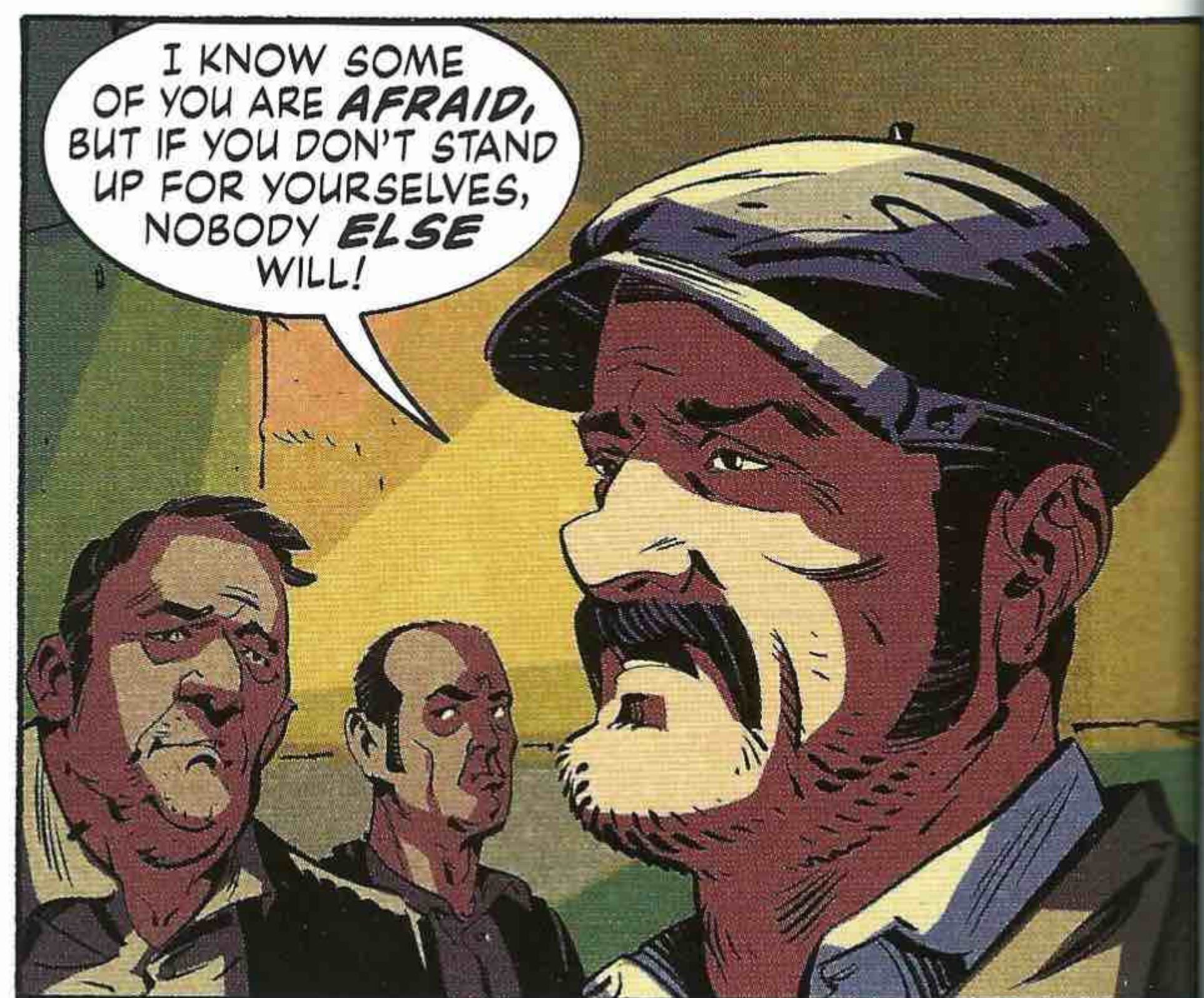
...**NO ONE** IS
TO BRING **WEAPONS**
OF ANY KIND.

BUT
WON'T THAT LEAVE US
VULNERABLE?



YOU'LL BE
IN **MORE** DANGER
IF YOU GIVE THEM AN
EXCUSE TO ATTACK
YOU.

SINCE WHEN
DO THEY NEED AN
EXCUSE?

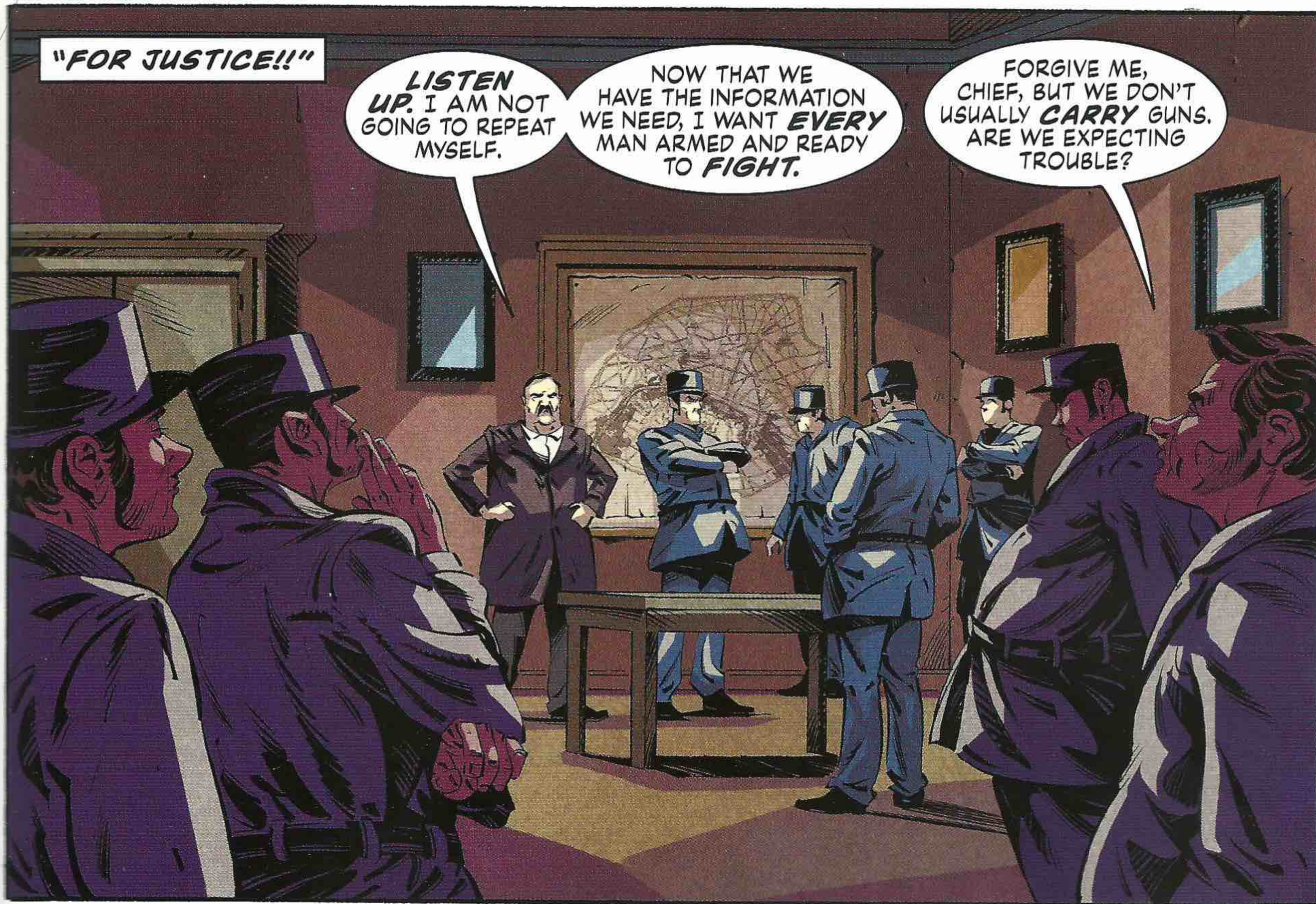


I KNOW SOME
OF YOU ARE **AFRAID**,
BUT IF YOU DON'T STAND
UP FOR YOURSELVES,
NOBODY **ELSE**
WILL!



UNTIL
TOMORROW,
MY FRIENDS.

WE STAND
TOGETHER TO
STRIKE FOR
JUSTICE!

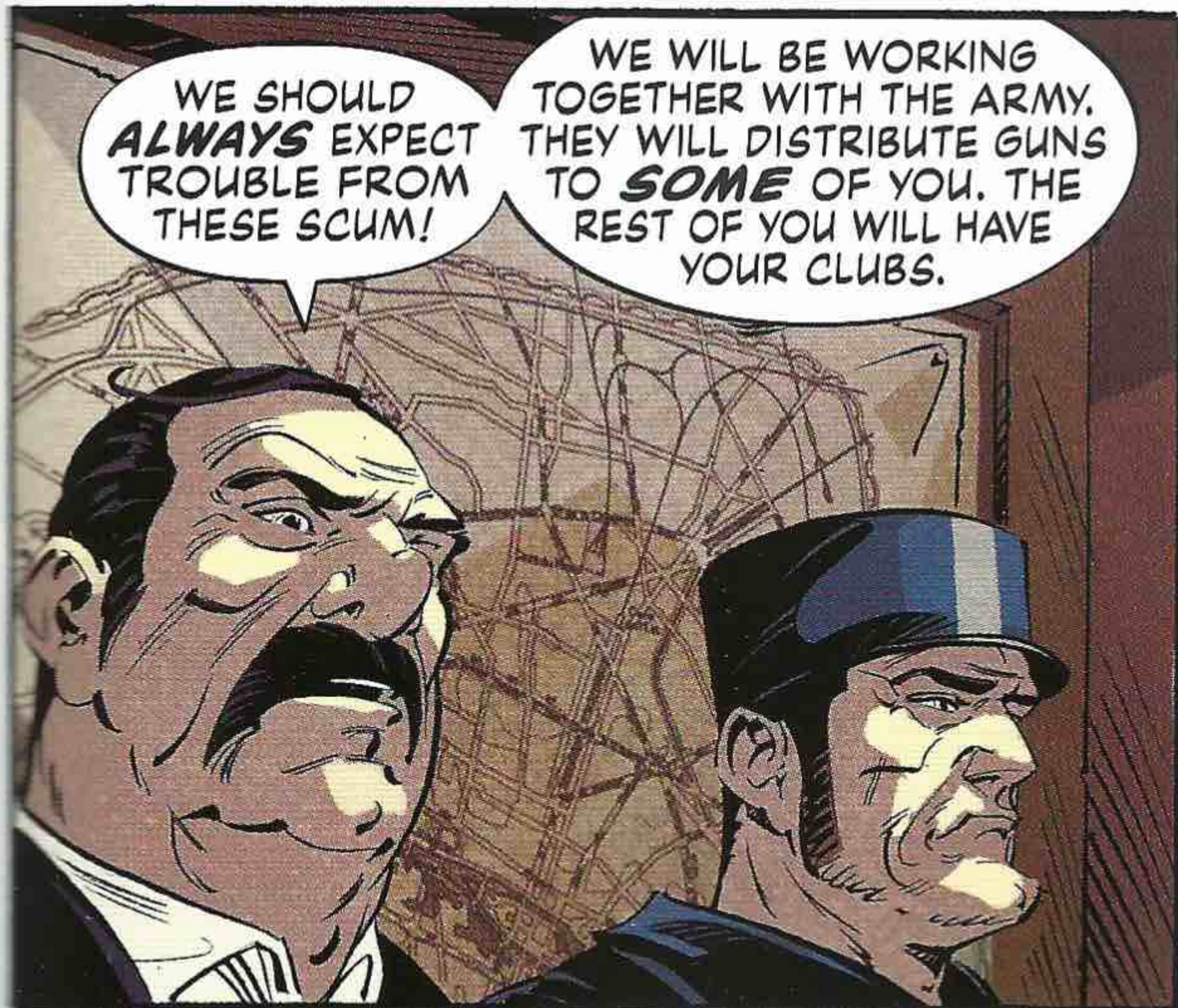


"FOR JUSTICE!!"

LISTEN UP. I AM NOT GOING TO REPEAT MYSELF.

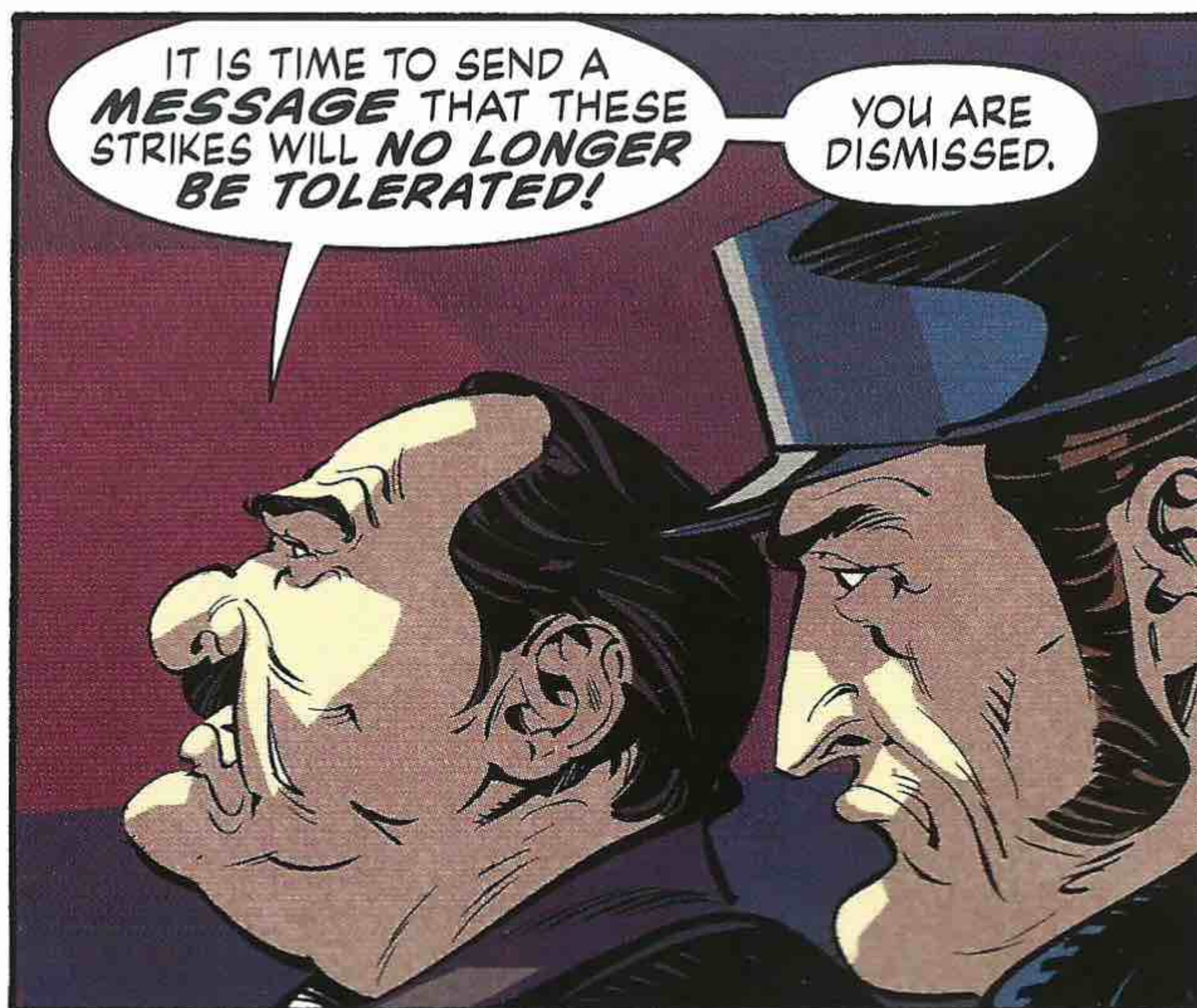
NOW THAT WE HAVE THE INFORMATION WE NEED, I WANT **EVERY** MAN ARMED AND READY TO **FIGHT**.

FORGIVE ME, CHIEF, BUT WE DON'T USUALLY **CARRY** GUNS. ARE WE EXPECTING TROUBLE?



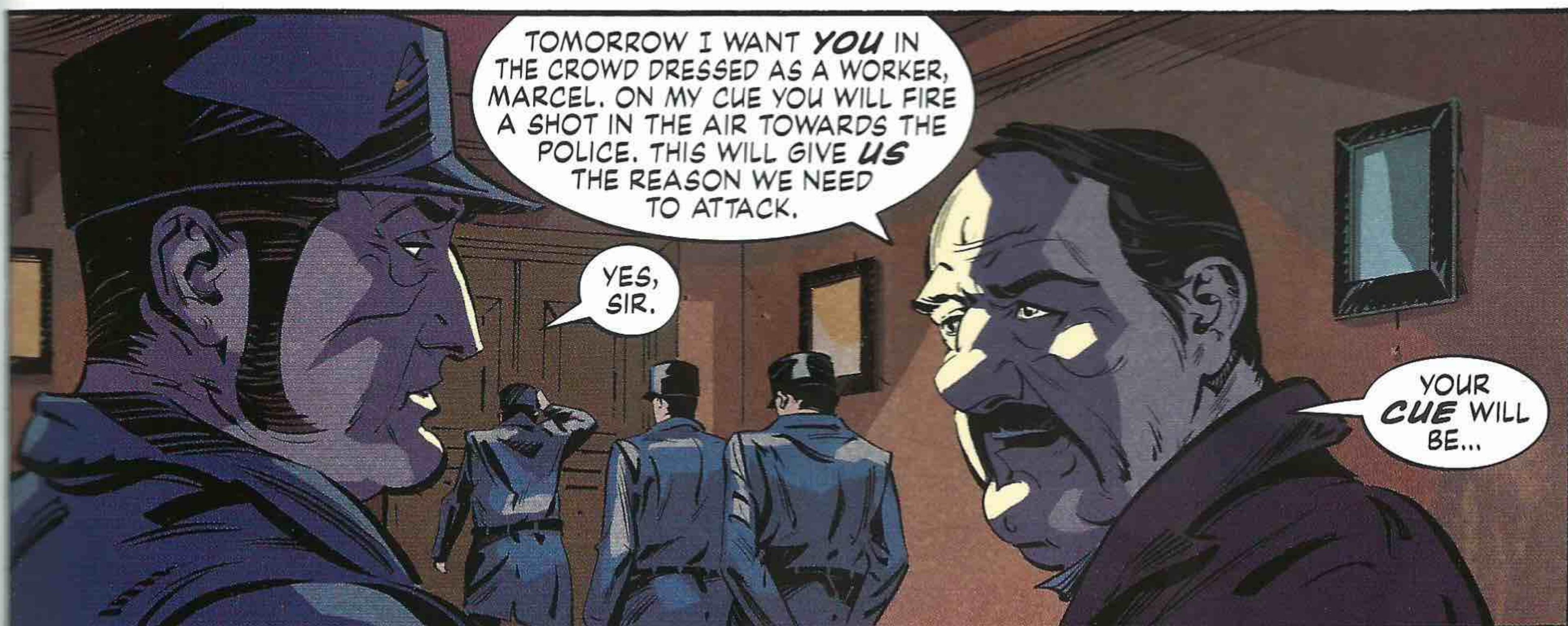
WE SHOULD **ALWAYS** EXPECT TROUBLE FROM THESE SCUM!

WE WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE ARMY. THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE GUNS TO **SOME** OF YOU. THE REST OF YOU WILL HAVE YOUR CLUBS.



IT IS TIME TO SEND A **MESSAGE** THAT THESE STRIKES WILL **NO LONGER** BE TOLERATED!

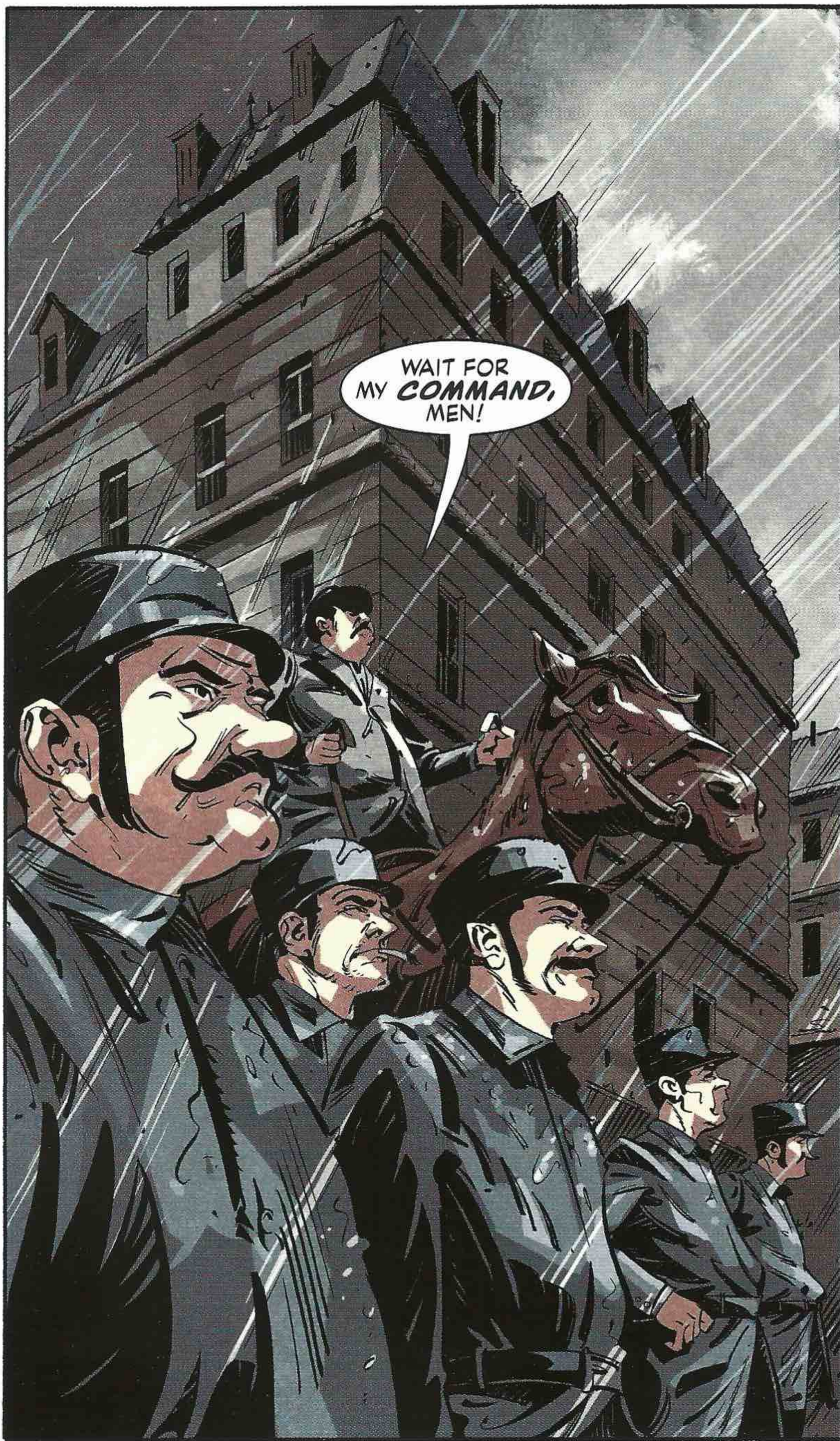
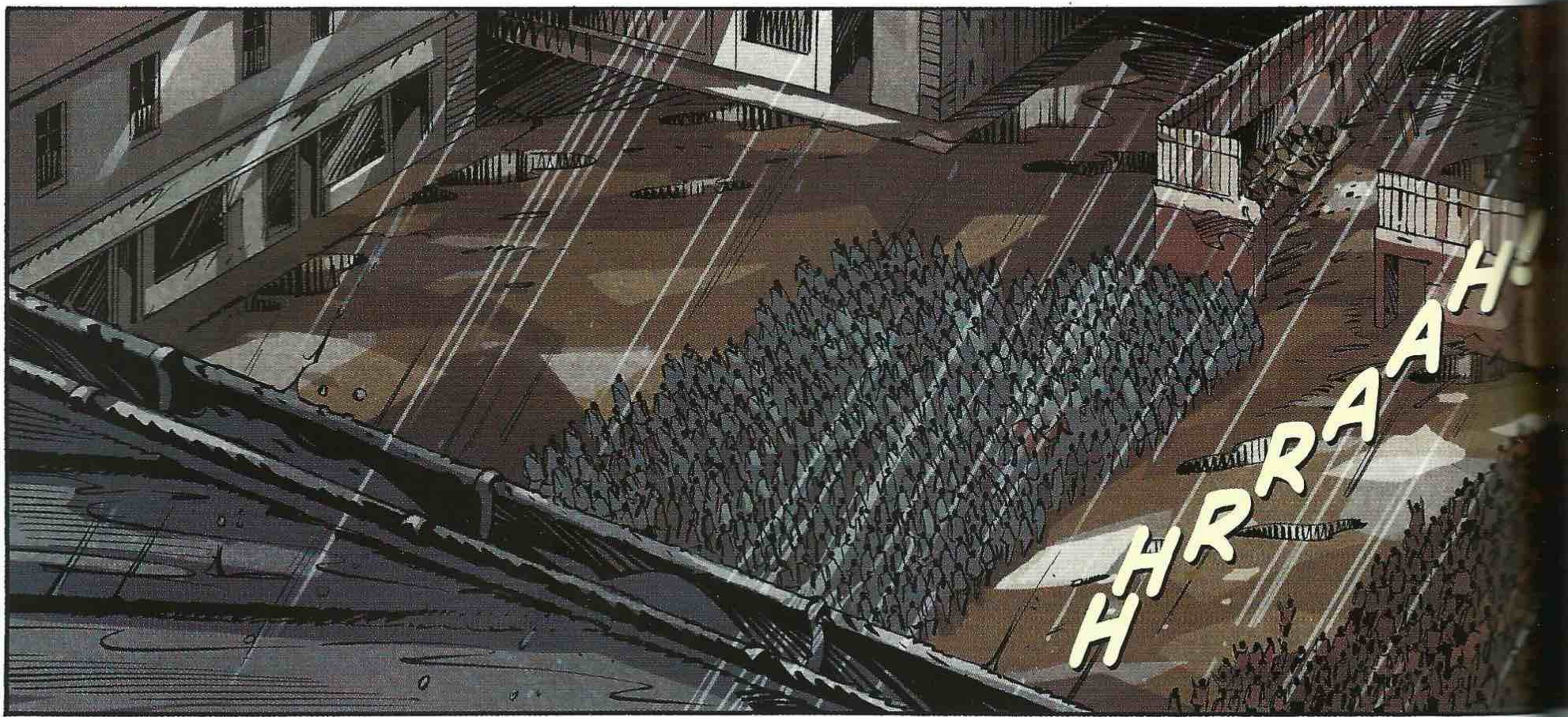
YOU ARE DISMISSED.

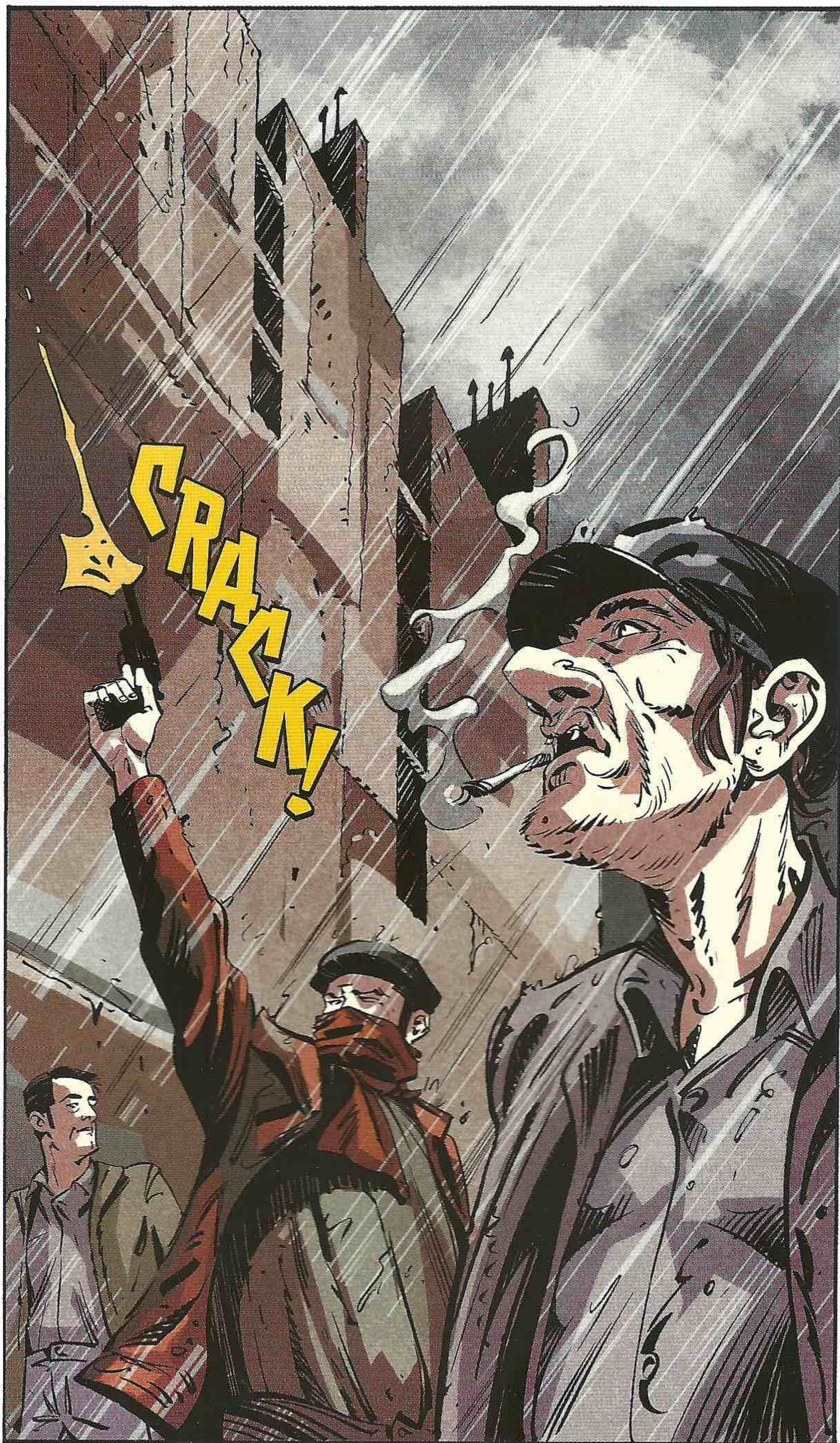
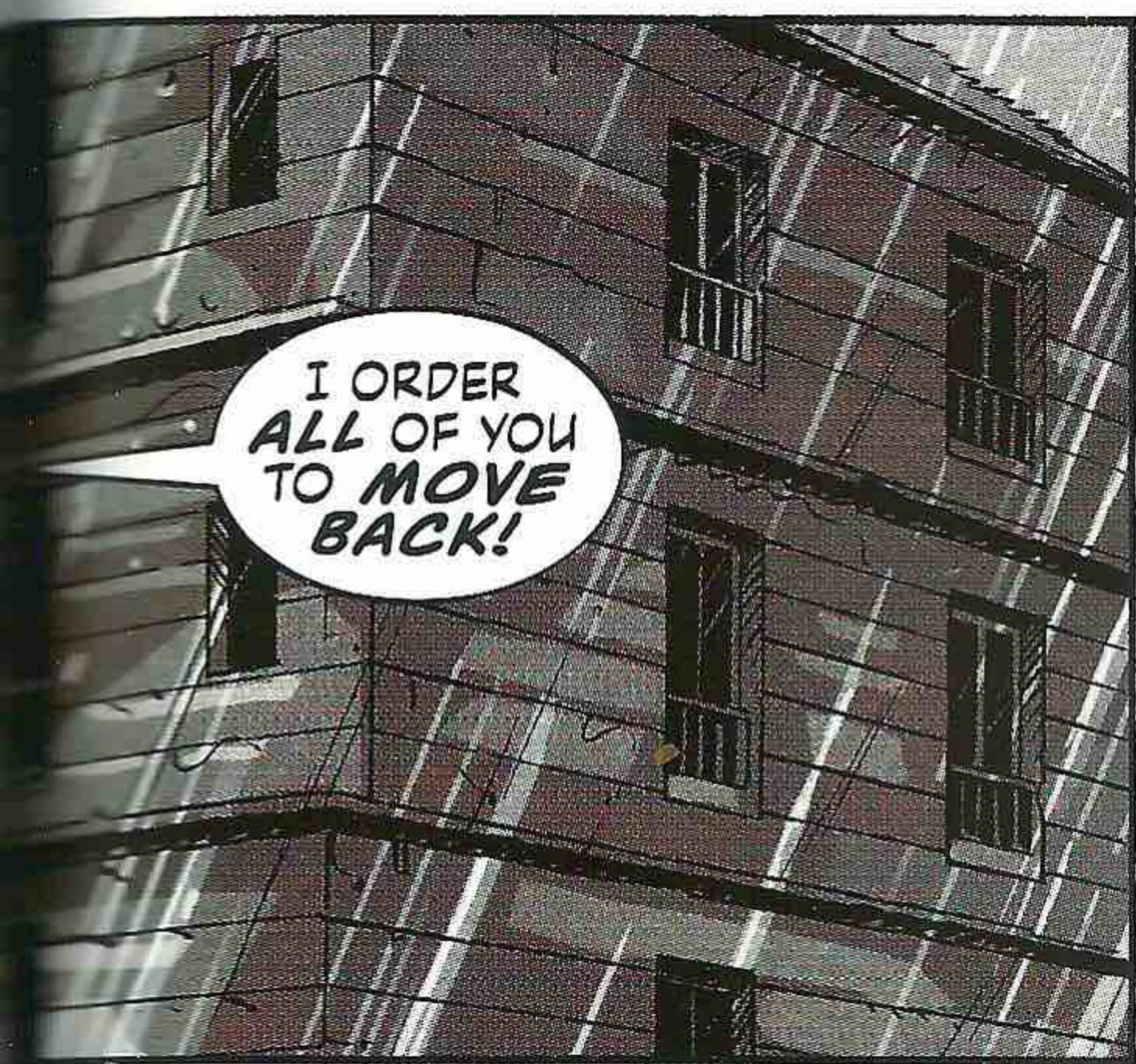


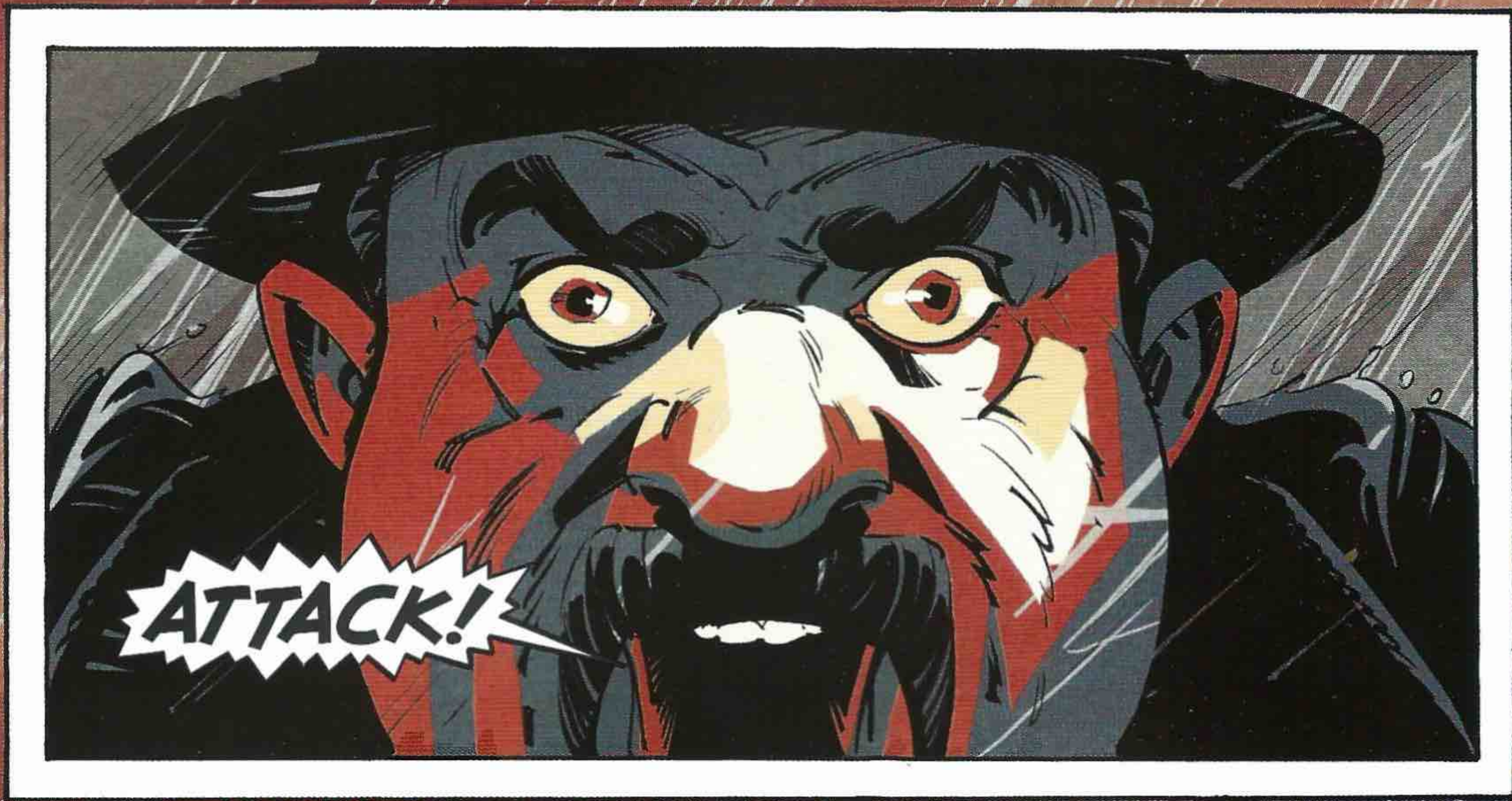
TOMORROW I WANT **YOU** IN THE CROWD DRESSED AS A WORKER, MARCEL. ON MY CUE YOU WILL FIRE A SHOT IN THE AIR TOWARDS THE POLICE. THIS WILL GIVE **US** THE REASON WE NEED TO ATTACK.

YES, SIR.

YOUR **CUE** WILL BE...







RRRRRAAGGHH!

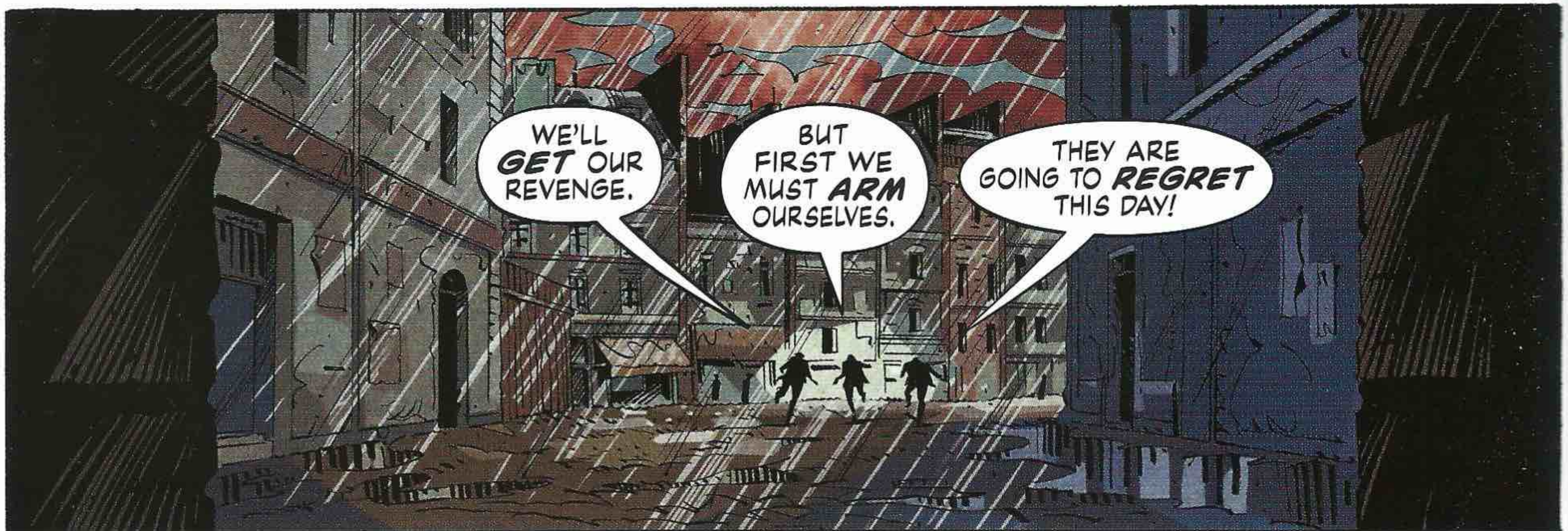
POW

KA-BLAM

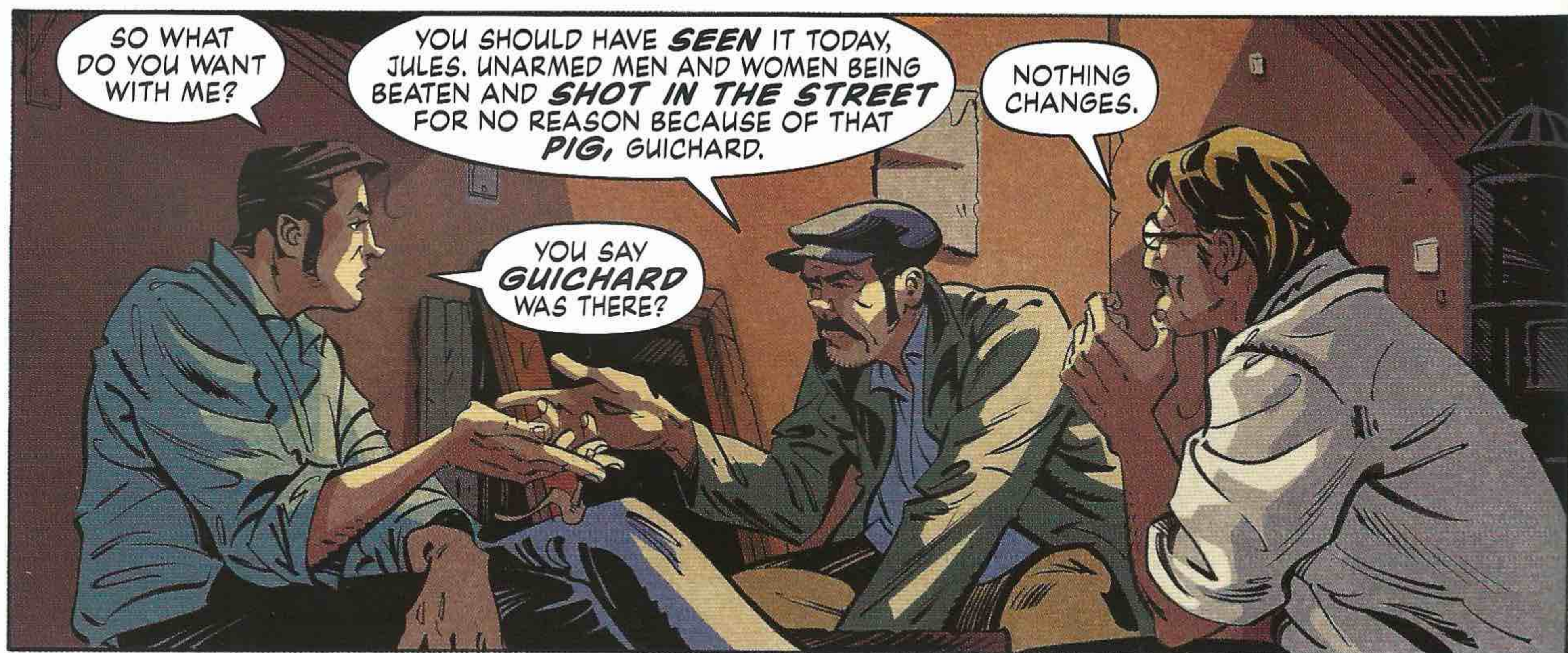
AARRGH!

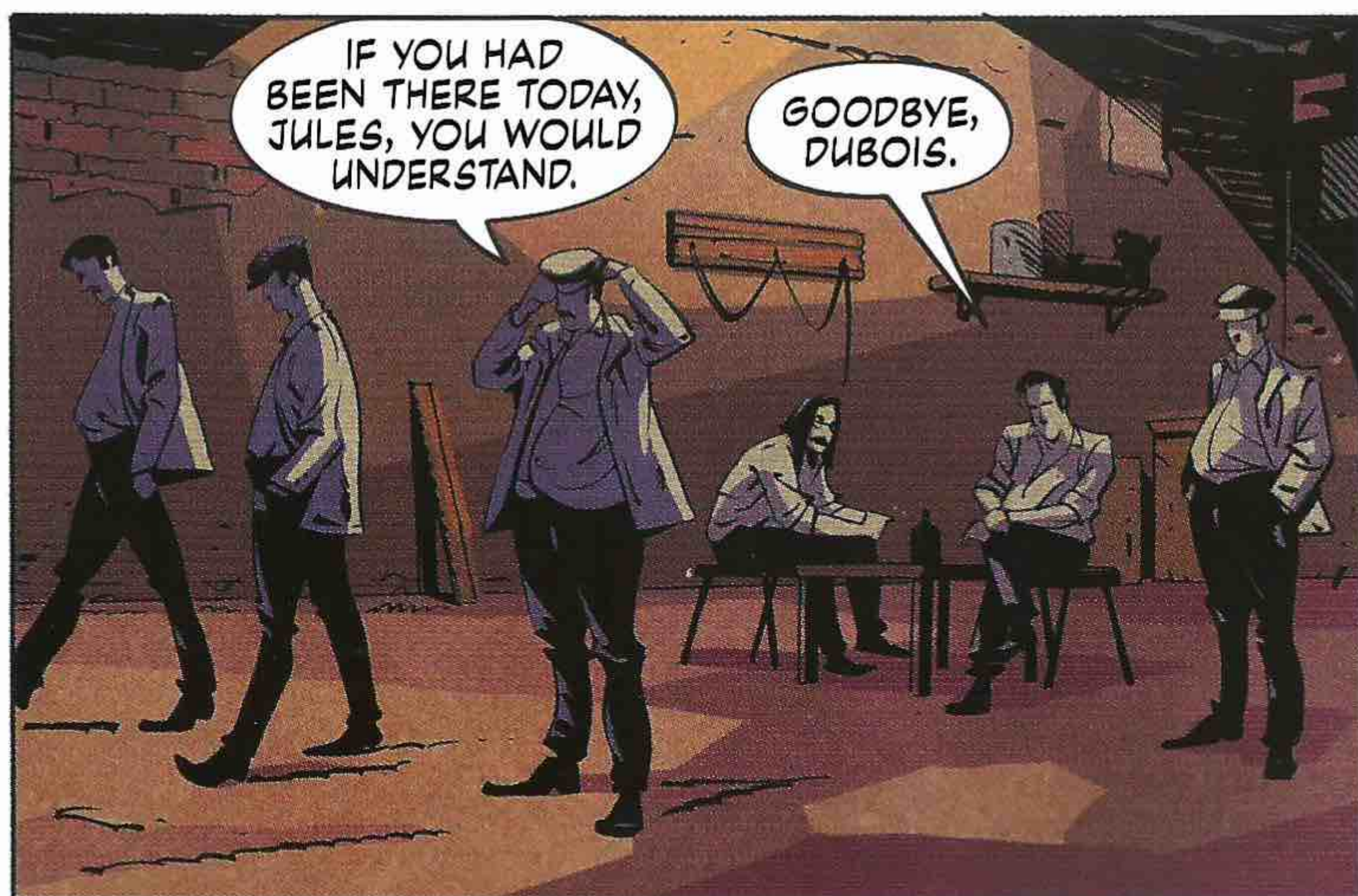
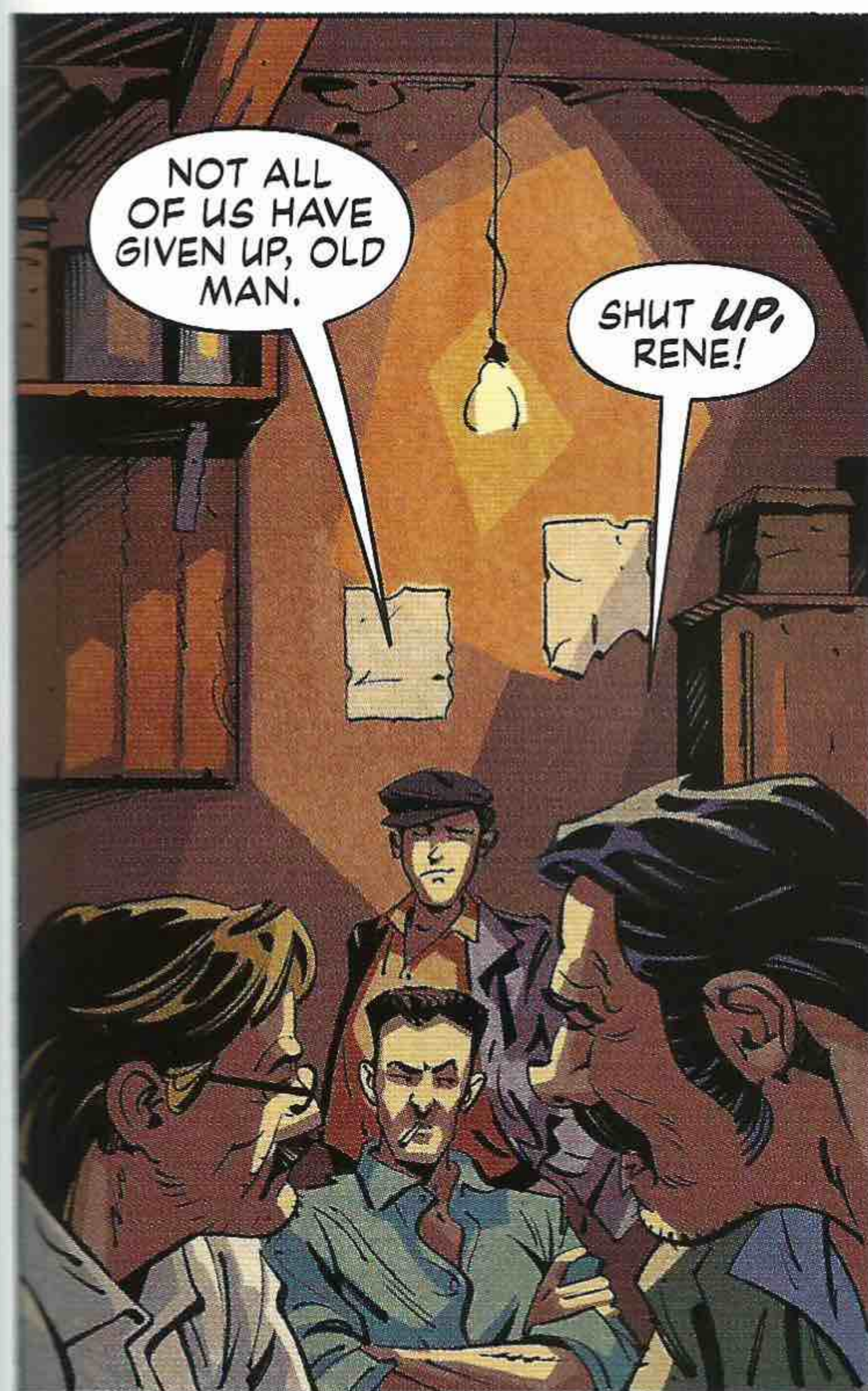
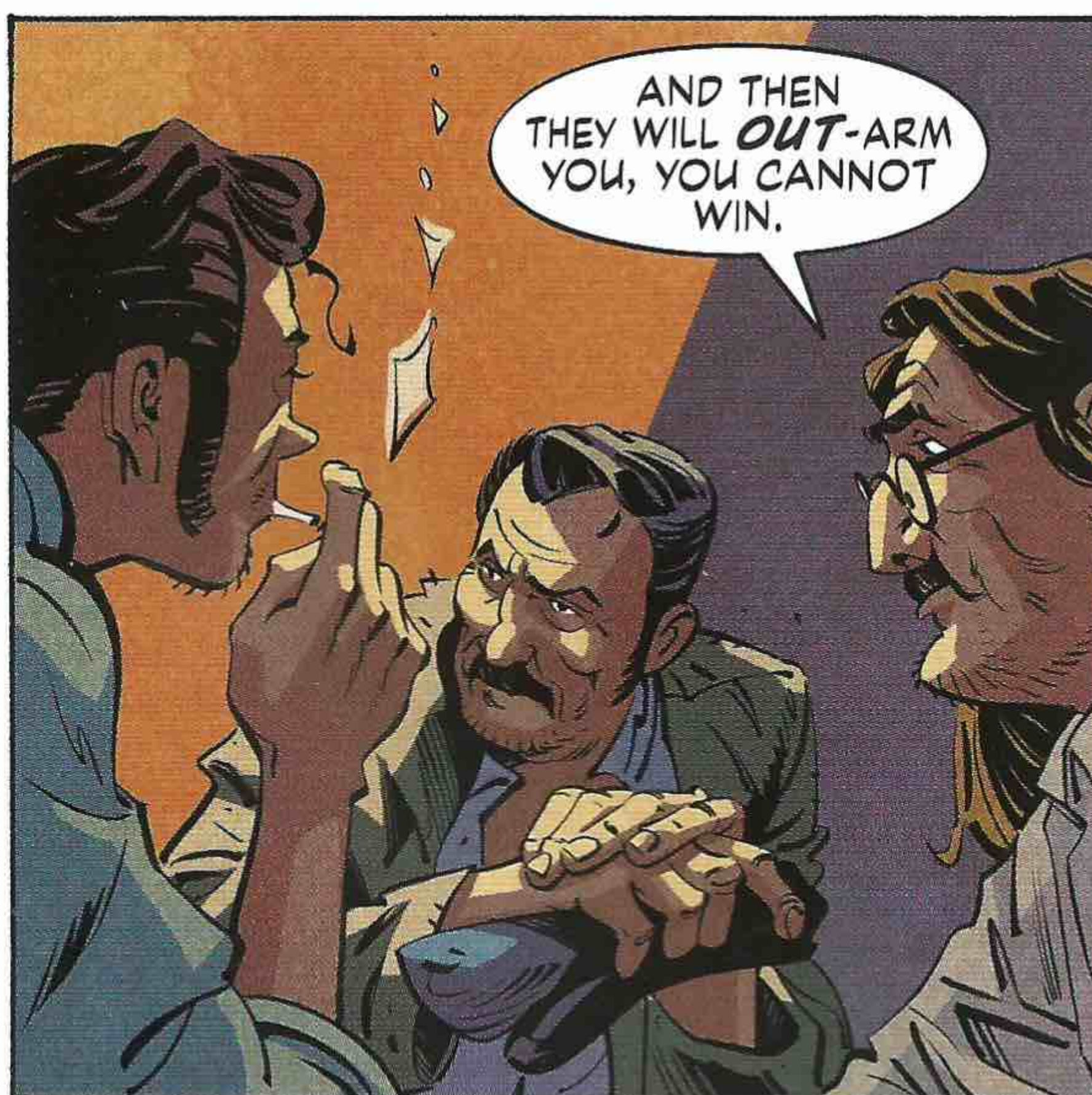
YAAAAGGH!

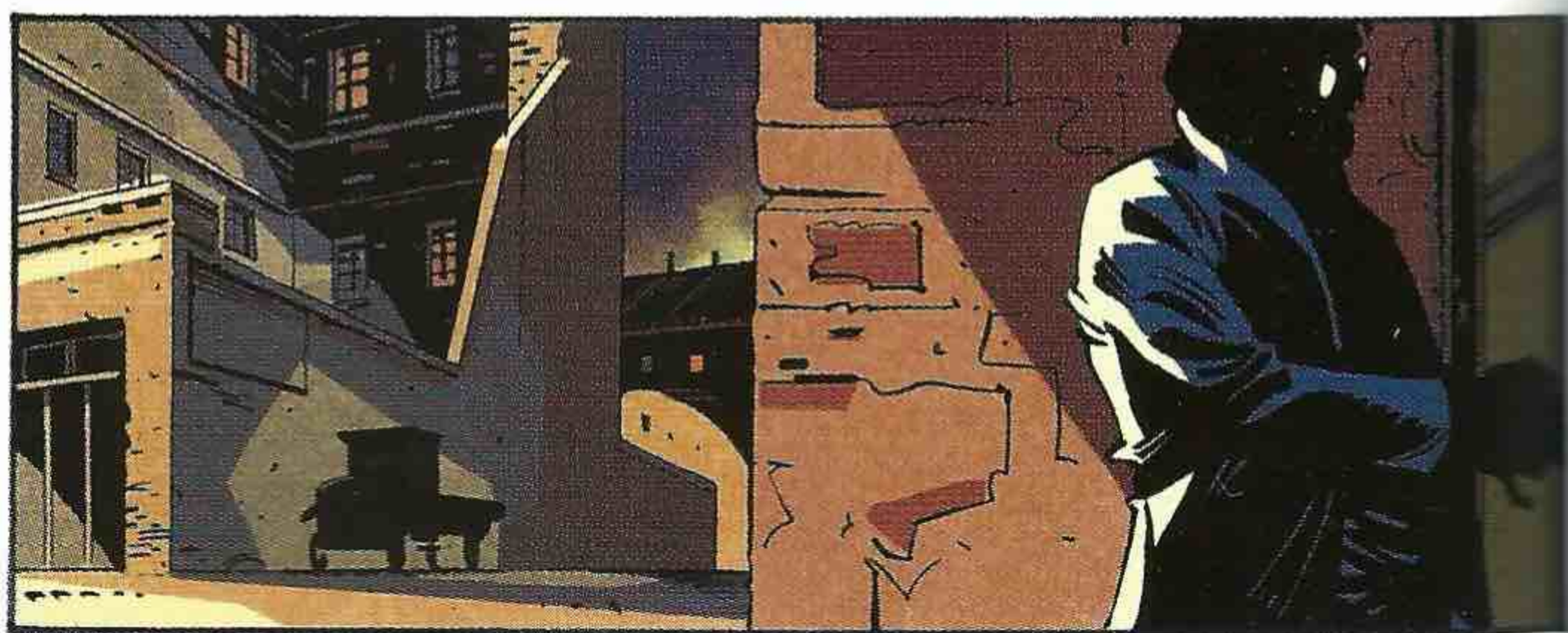
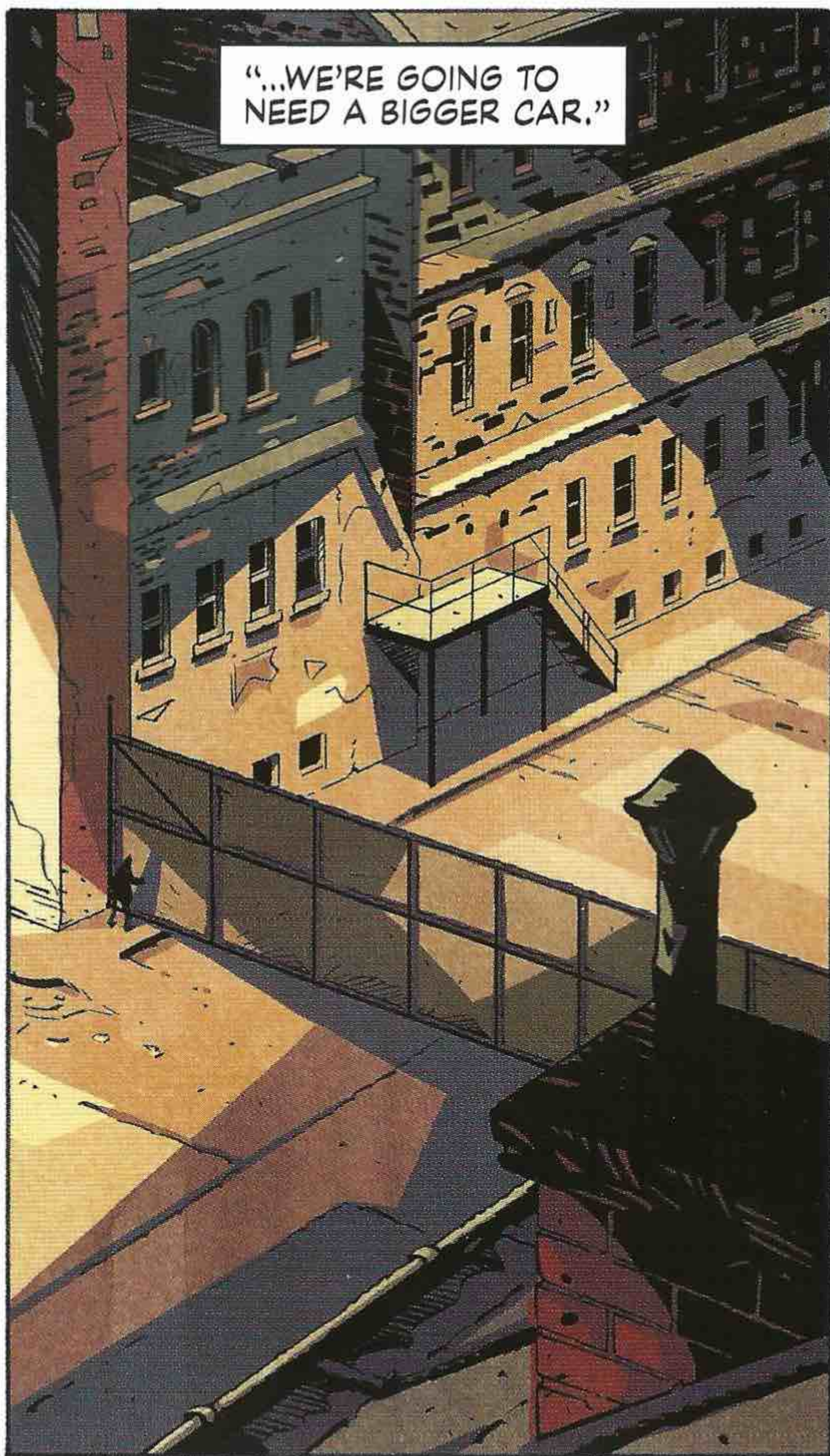
MY GOD,
THEY'RE KILLING
US!













THERE'S NO TIME FOR SMOKING.

WHO MADE *YOU* THE BOSS, BONNOT?



KEEP LOADING.



YOU SAID MY NAME, YOU IDIOT.

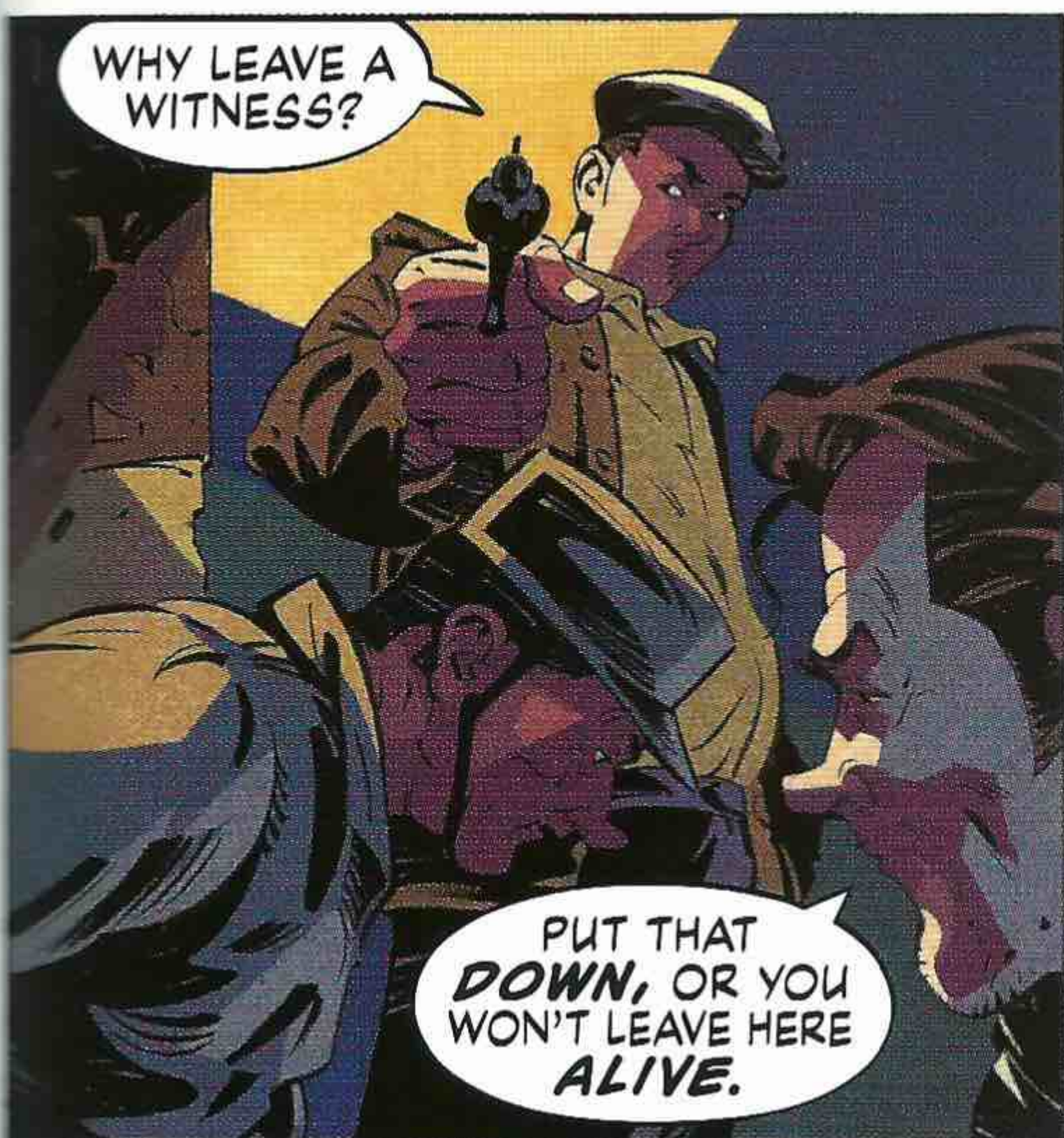


LET ME FINISH HIM.



DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FORGET EVERYTHING YOU SAW AND HEARD HERE TONIGHT?

YES, PLEASE, I HAVE CHILDREN.



WHY LEAVE A WITNESS?

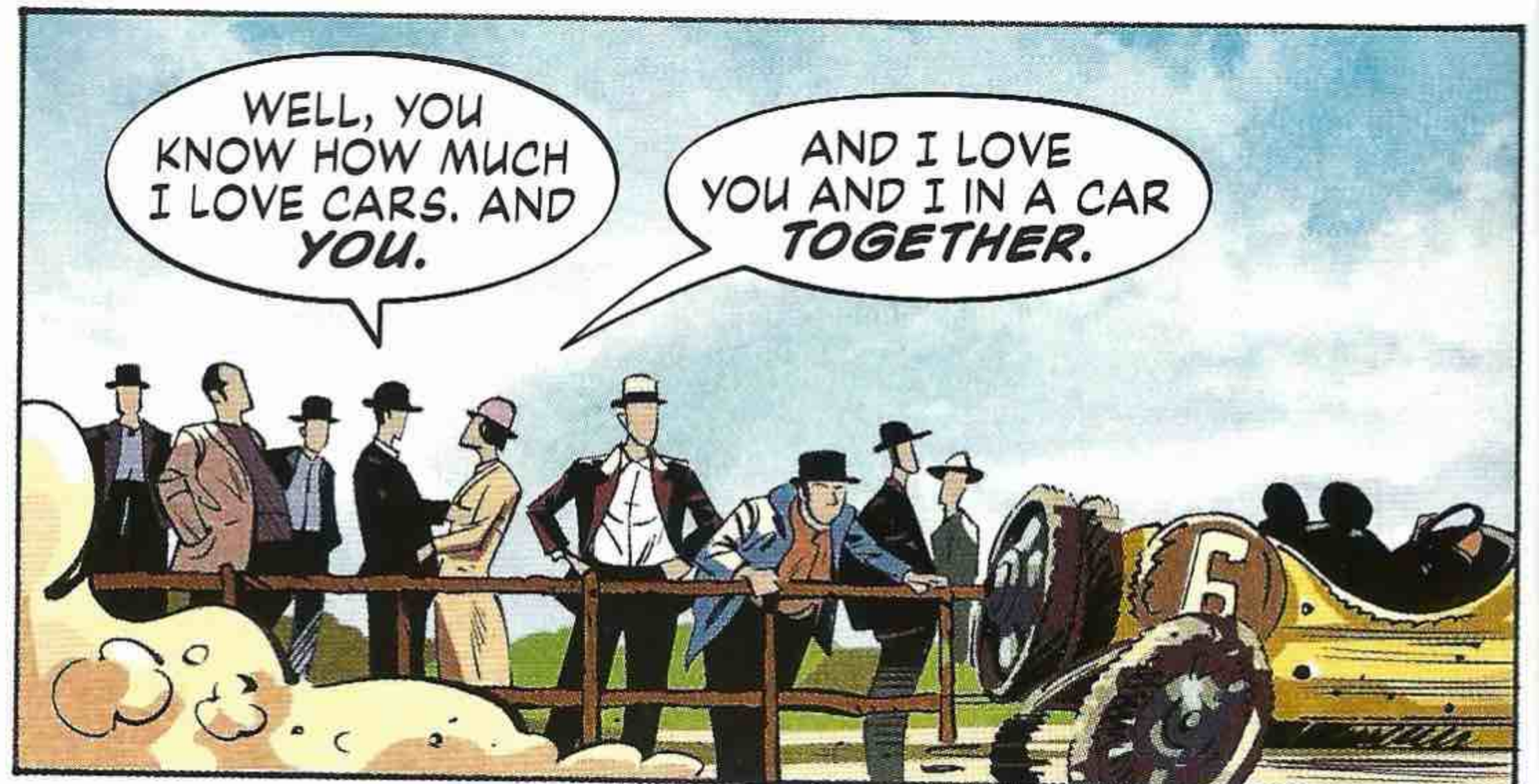
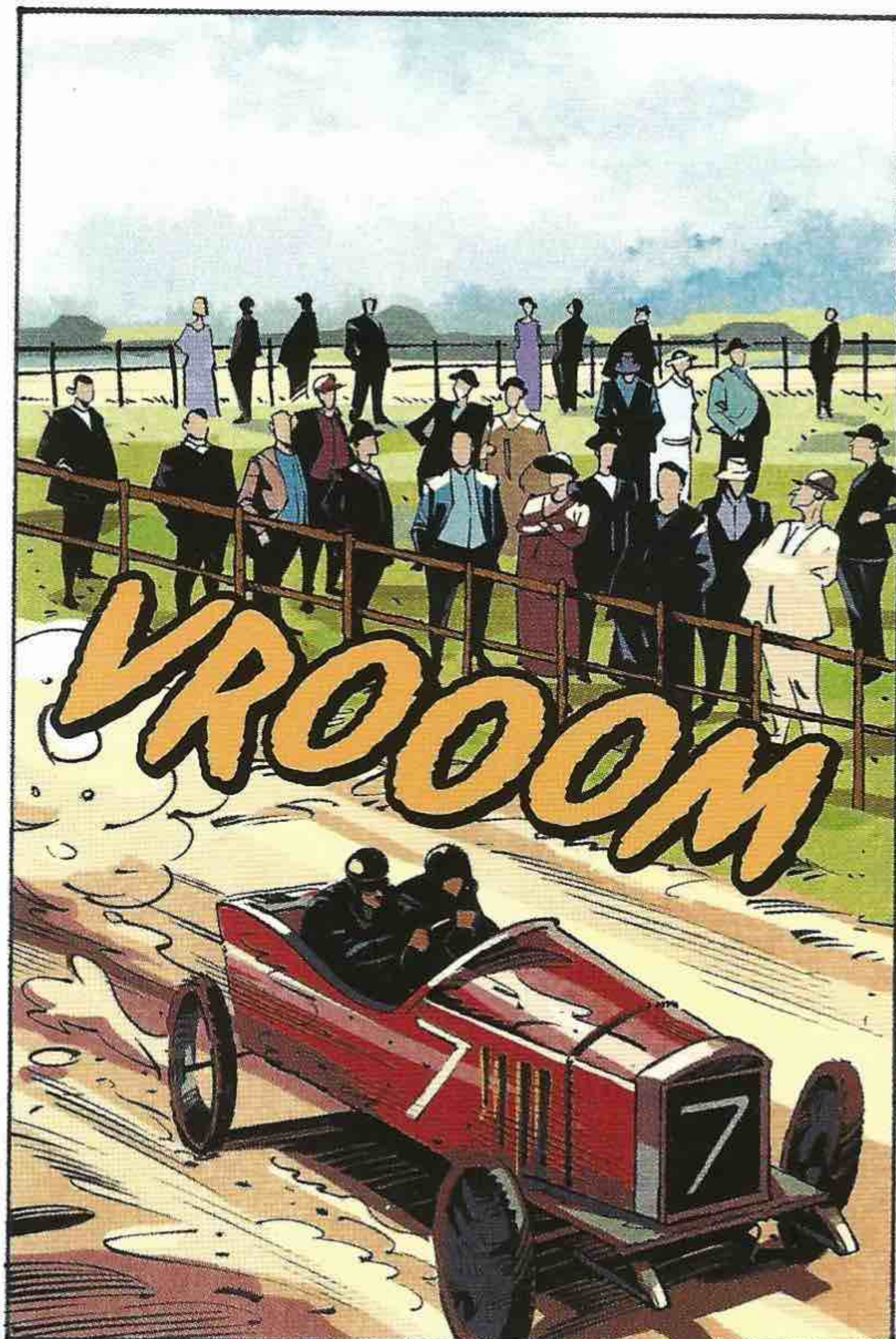
PUT THAT *DOWN*, OR YOU WON'T LEAVE HERE *ALIVE*.

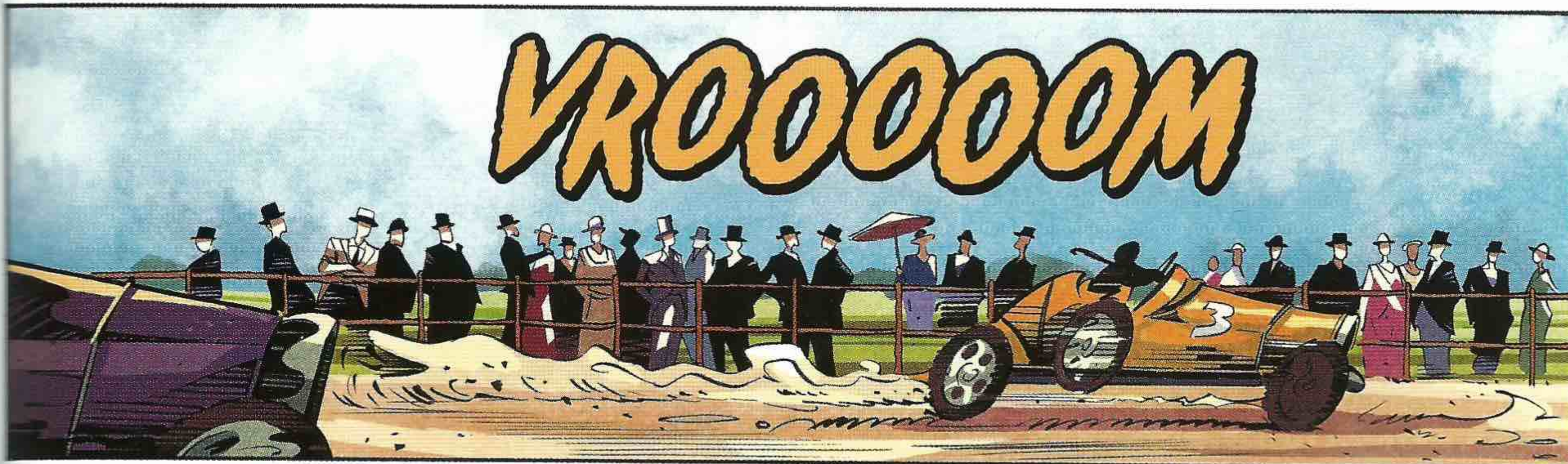
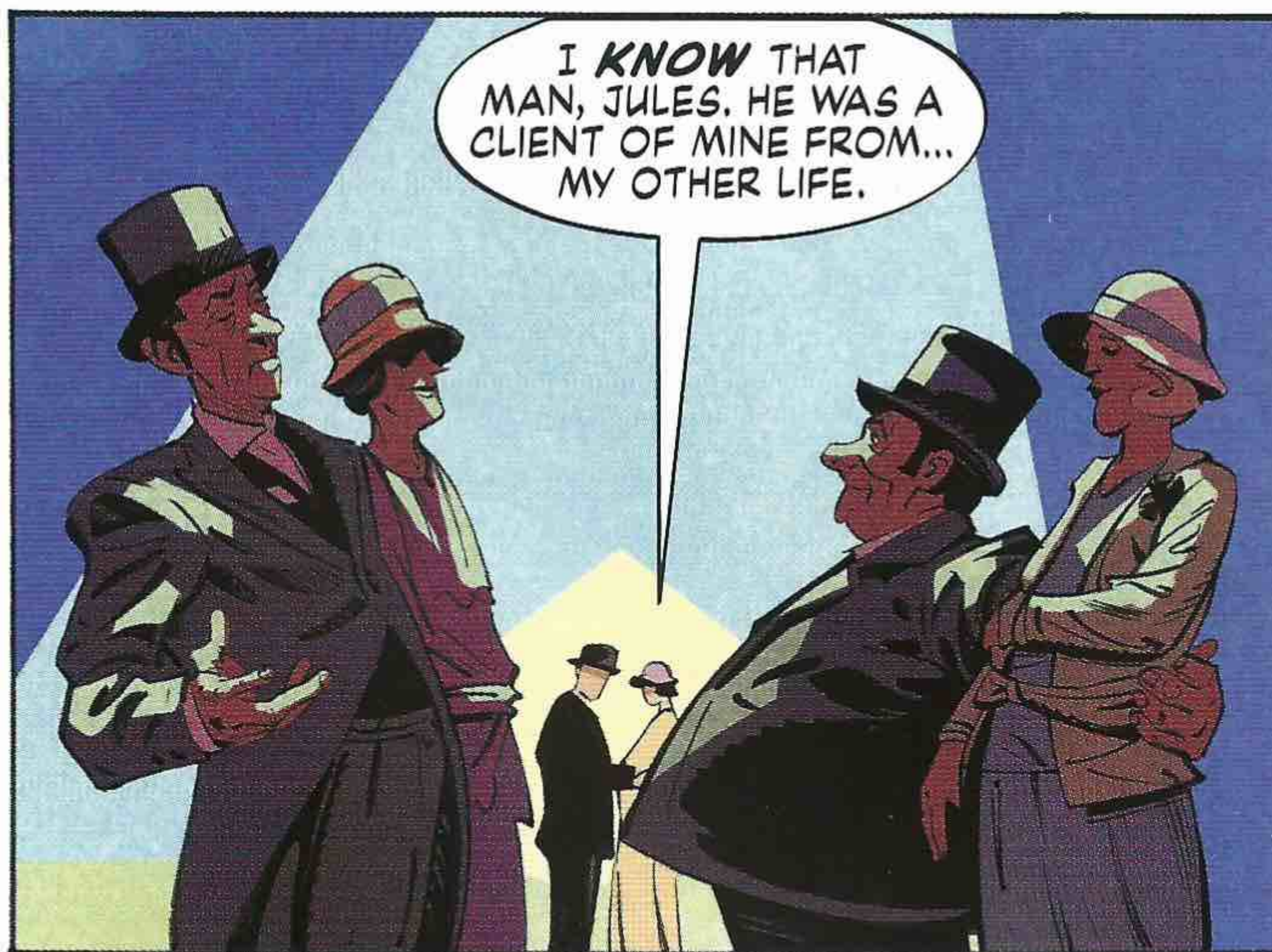
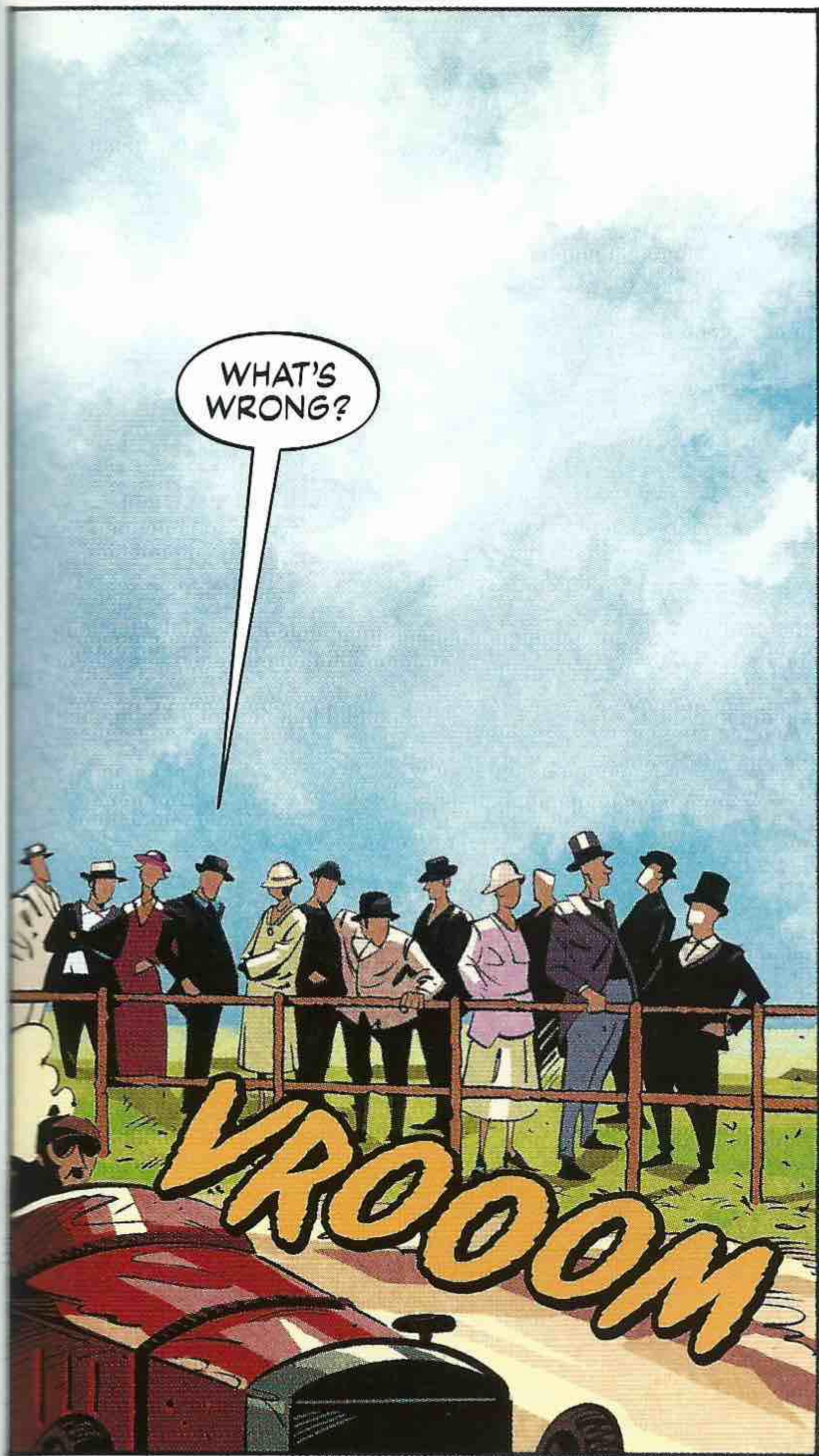


IMBECILE.



EVERYONE SHOULD LAY LOW FOR A WHILE...







THERE IS A WAY TO TAKE BACK A BIT OF WHAT HE TOOK FROM YOU.

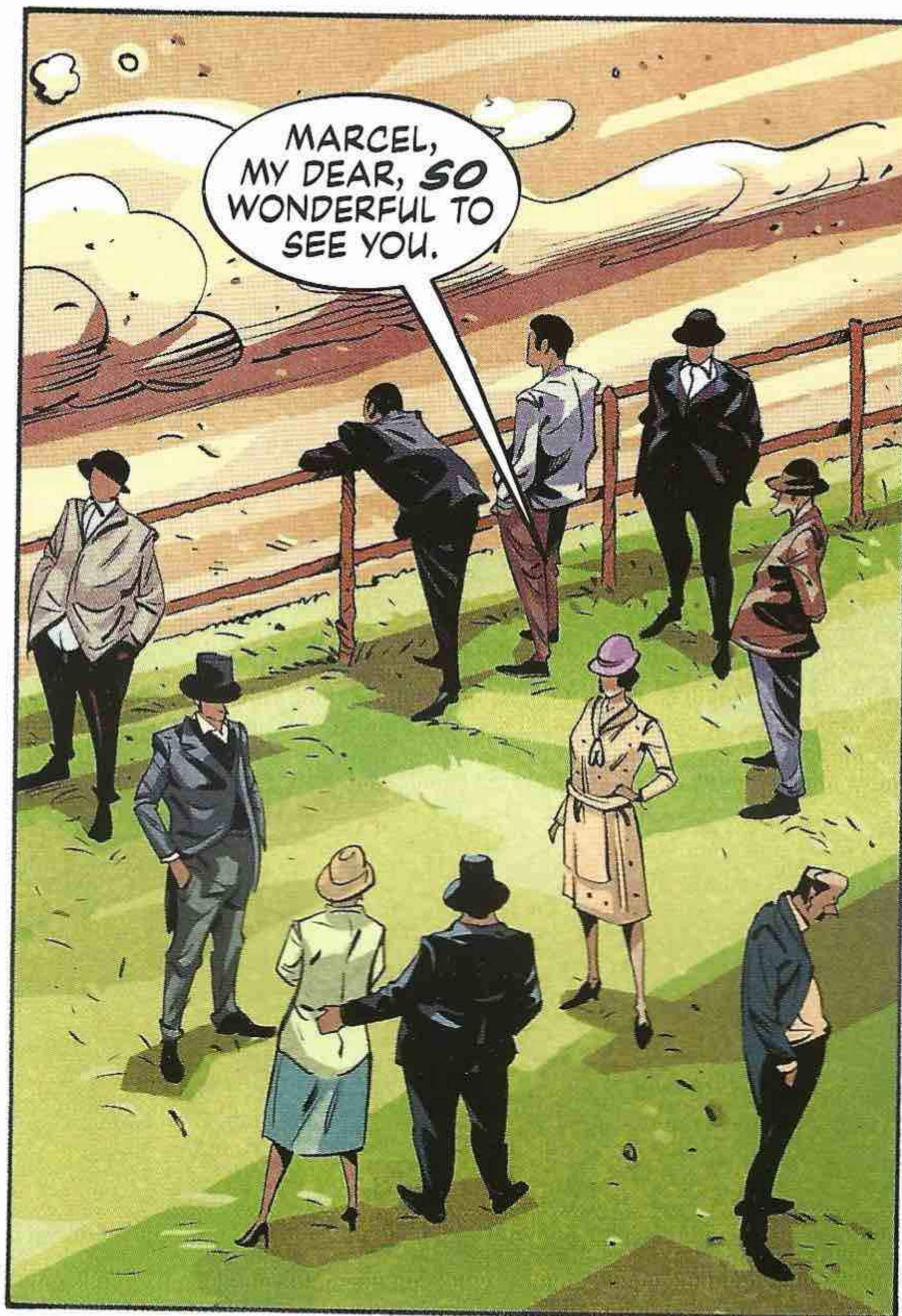
HOW?



GO UP AND GREET HIM, RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS WIFE. KISS HIM ON THE CHEEK. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

JULES...

BE BRAVE. NO SHAME.

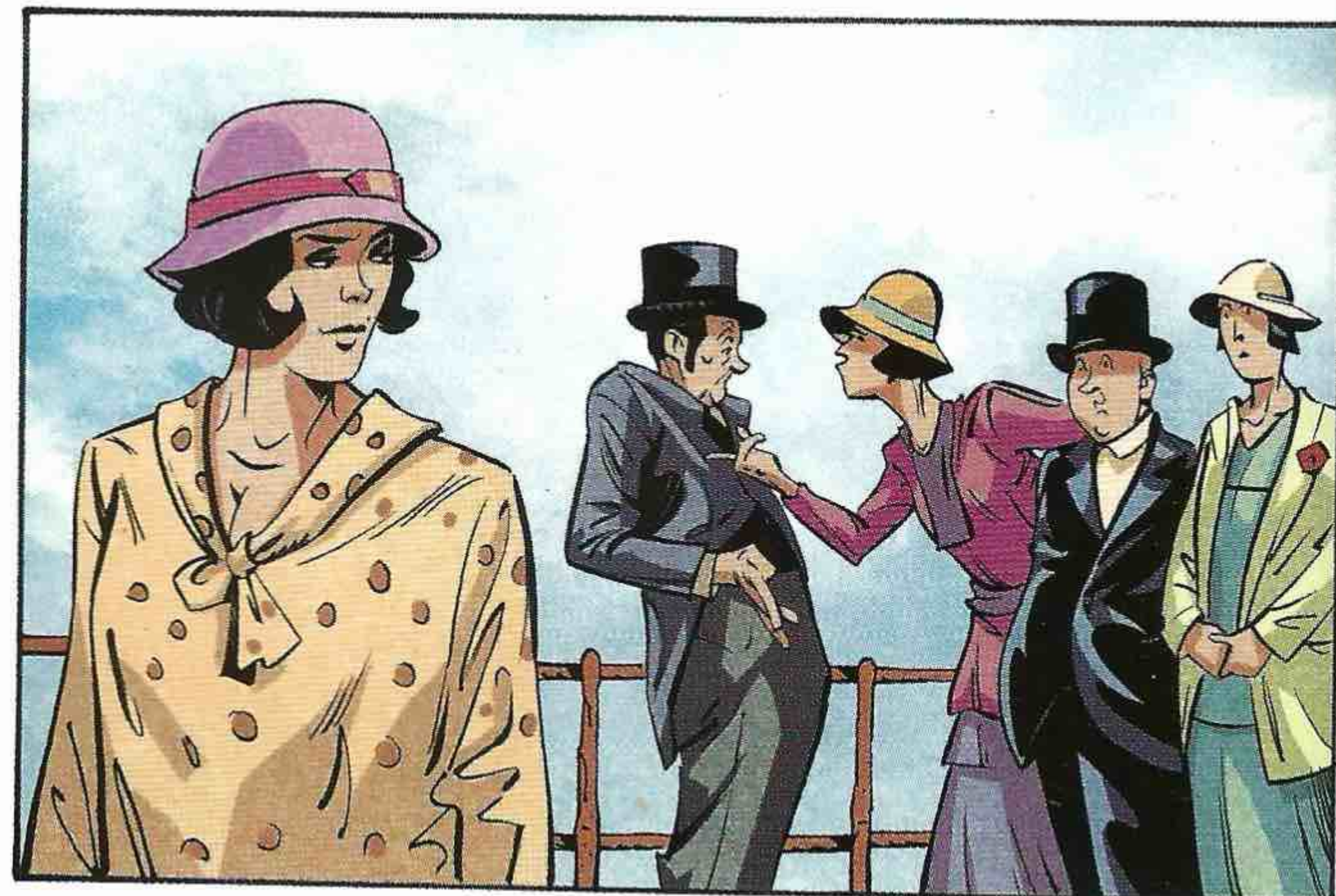


MARCEL, MY DEAR, SO WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU.



UH...UM...

I'D LOVE TO CHAT, BUT I MUST RUN. SEE YOU SOON, DARLING!



VROOOM



MAY I GIVE YOU A SMALL PIECE OF YOUR SOUL BACK, MY LOVE?

I LIKE BEING POWERFUL.

THEY WERE BORN TO POWER. WE HAVE TO TAKE OURS...

"...WHERE AND WHEN WE CAN."

THANKS
FOR HELPING OUT,
OCTAVE.

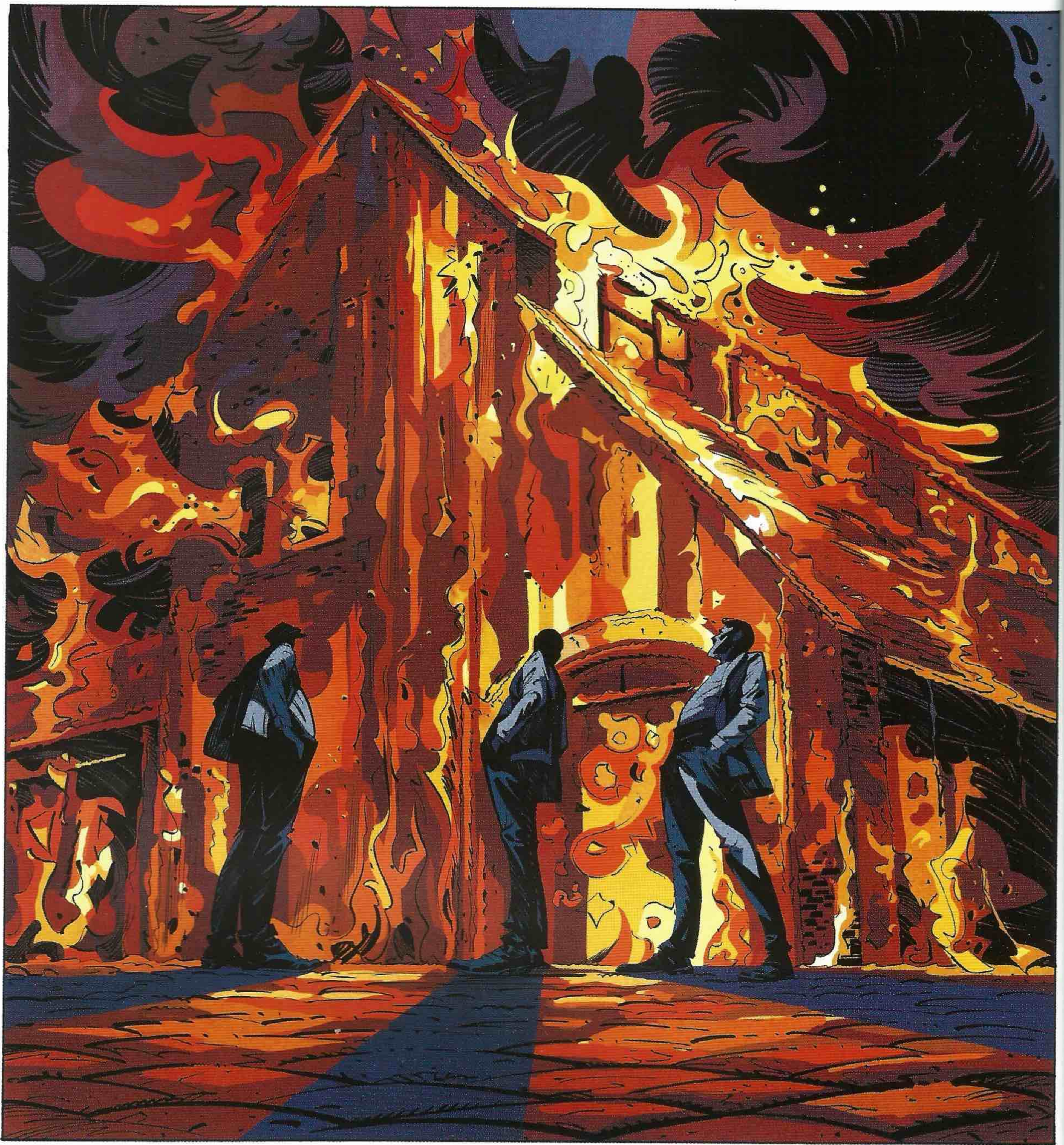
WHY
HERE?

PART PAY
BACK AND PART
NECESSITY.

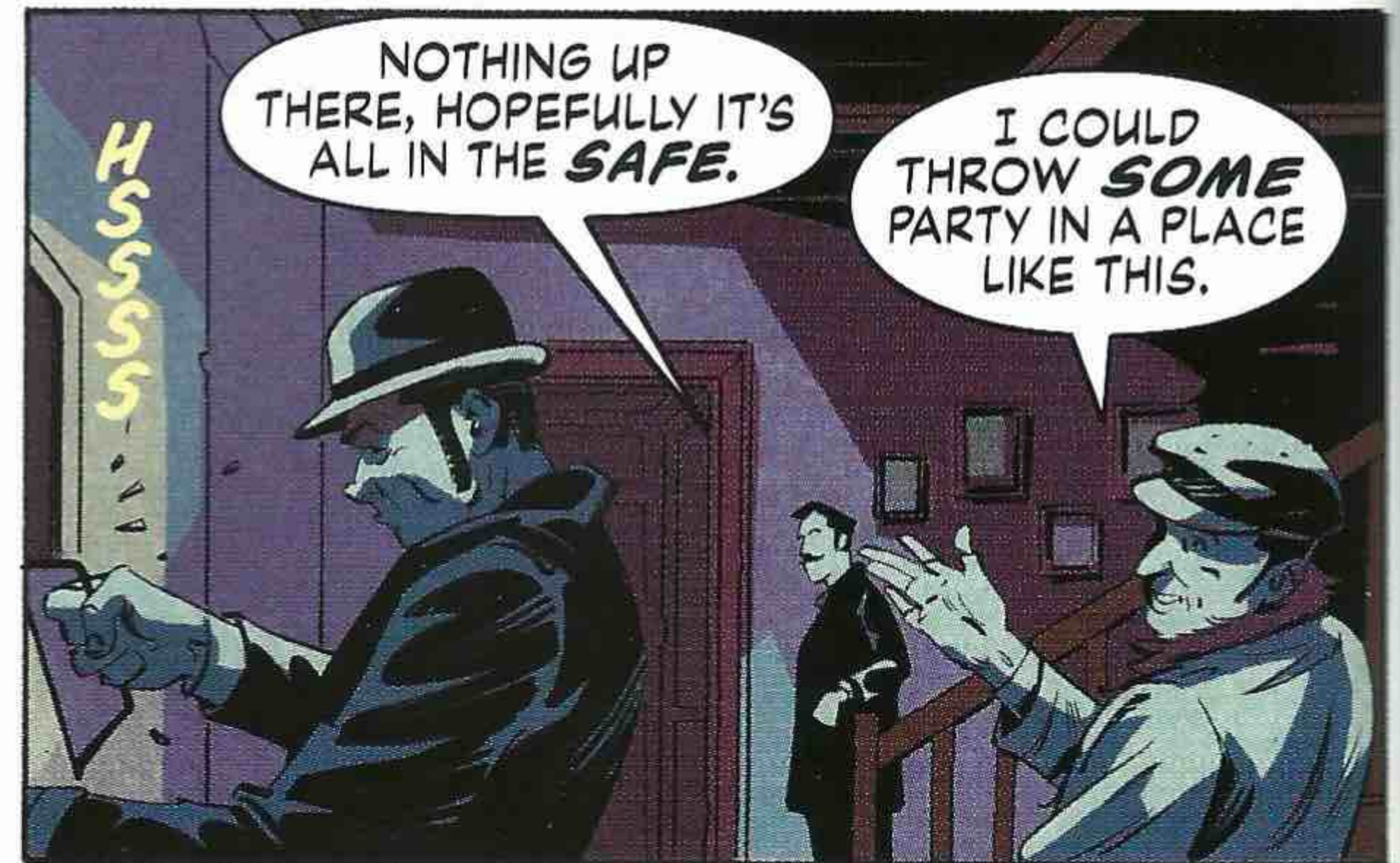
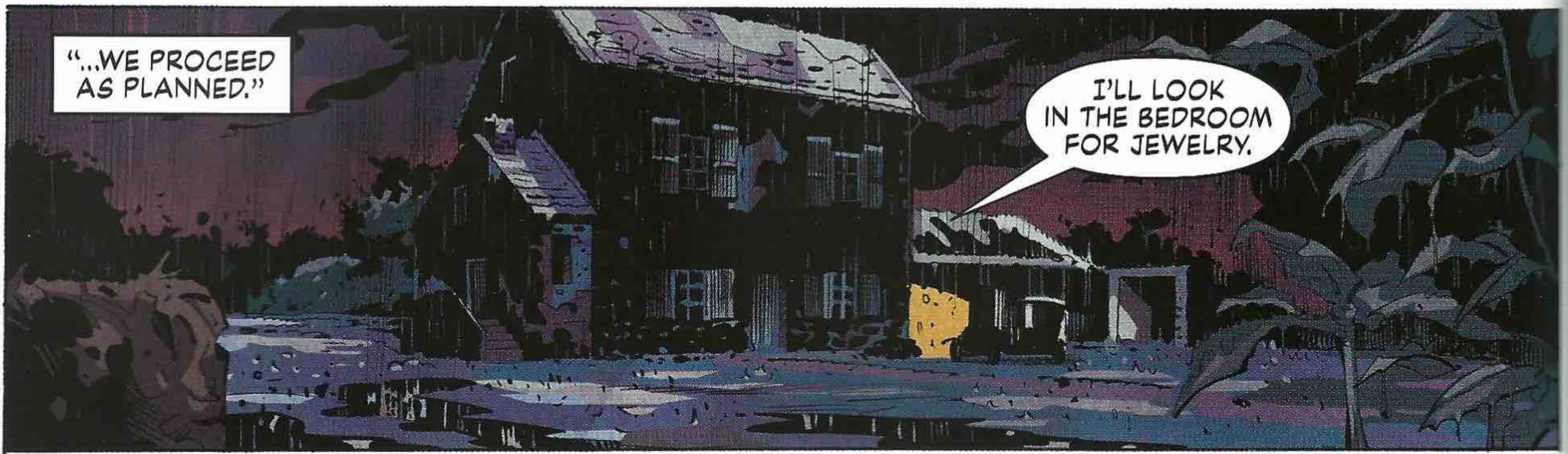


OCTAVE, CARRY THIS
TO THE CAR. PLATANO,
GUIDE OCTAVE OUT AND
COME BACK, I HAVE
SOMETHING TO
DO.











DAMN, A FLAT.
I **CAN'T FIX IT**. WE'LL
HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER
CAR TO COME BY. BE
READY TO MOVE.



WHAT
IF **COPS**
COME?



HERE'S
SOMEONE NOW.
GET DOWN.



EXCUSE
ME...



I WOULD
LIKE TO **TRADE**
CARS WITH YOU,
SIR.



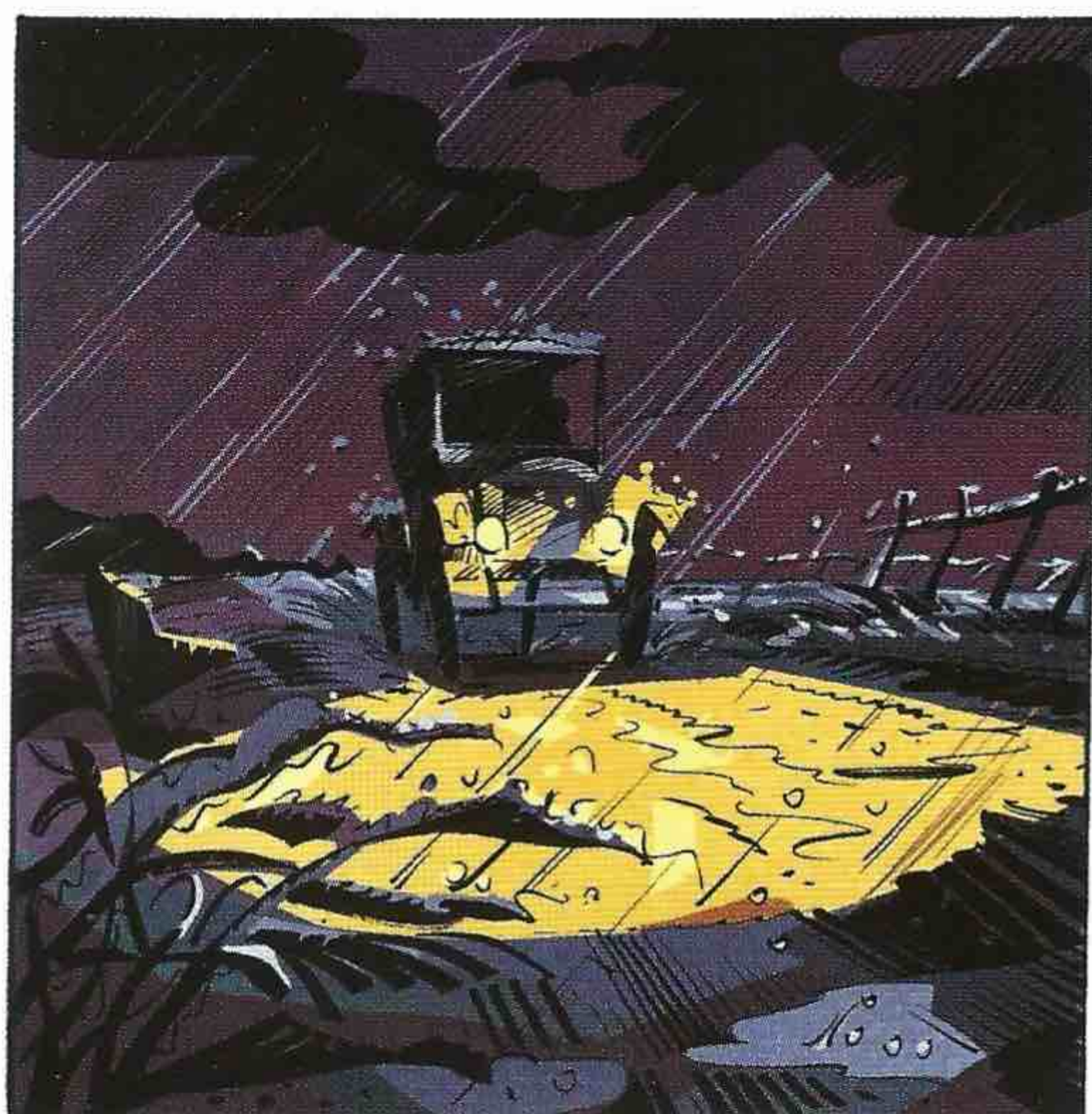
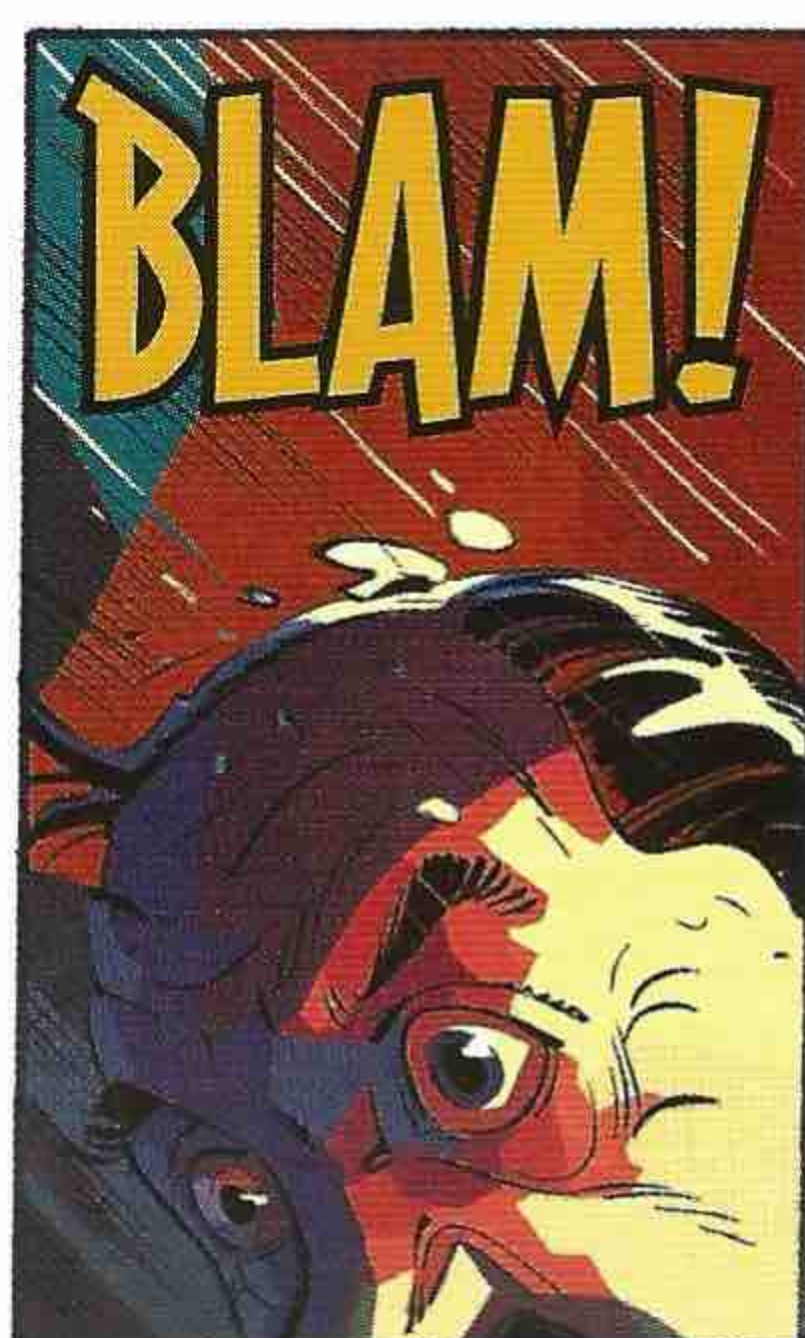
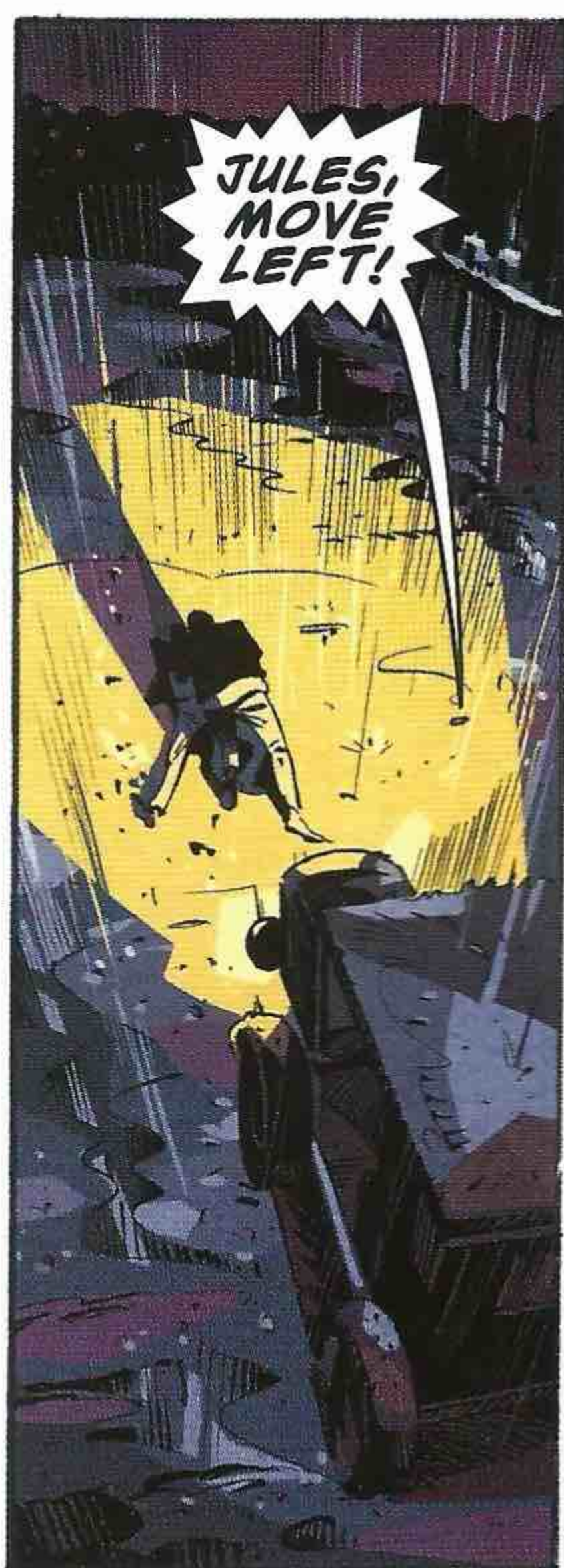
YOU'RE
JOKING.

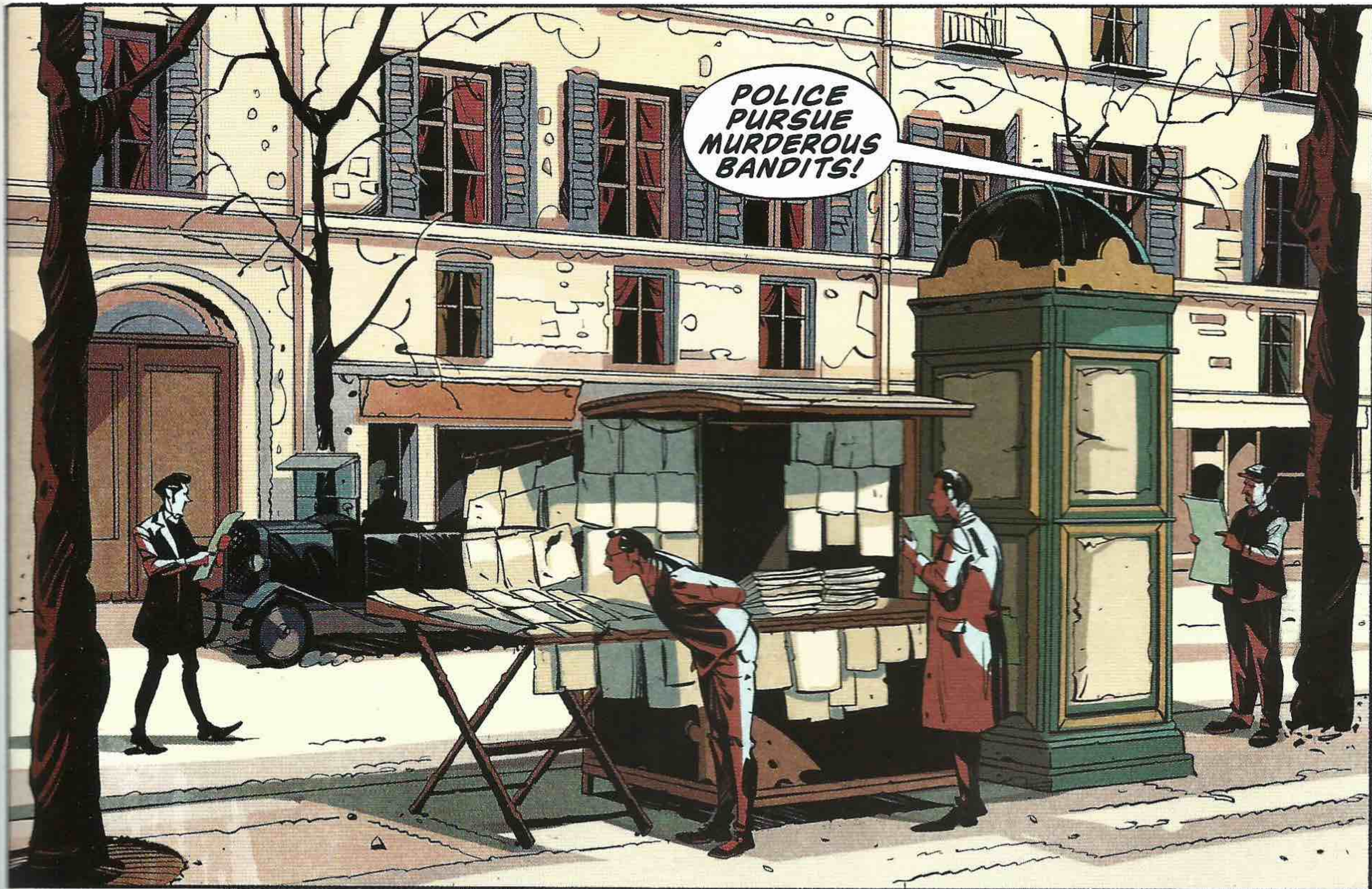
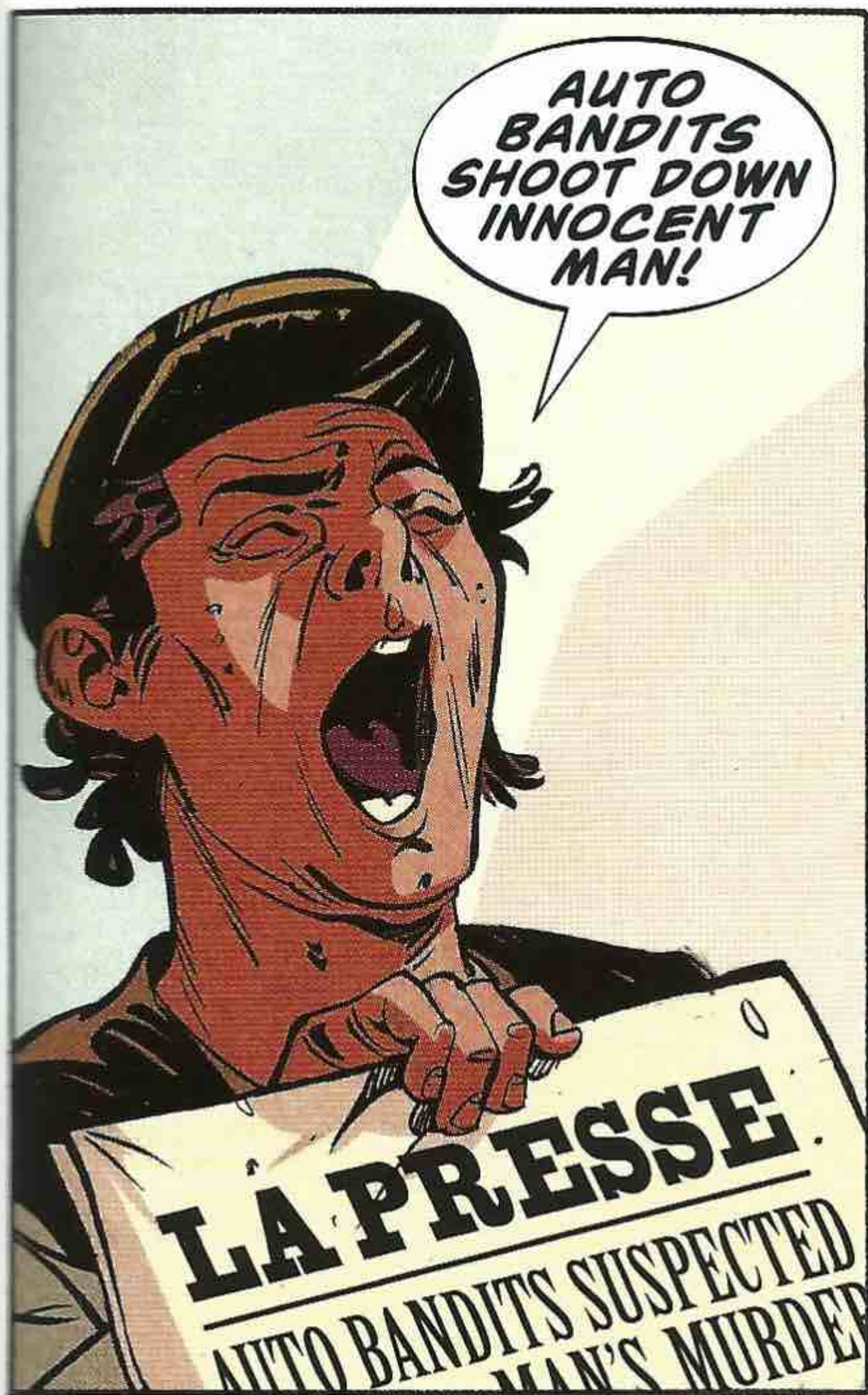
NO, I'M
NOT.

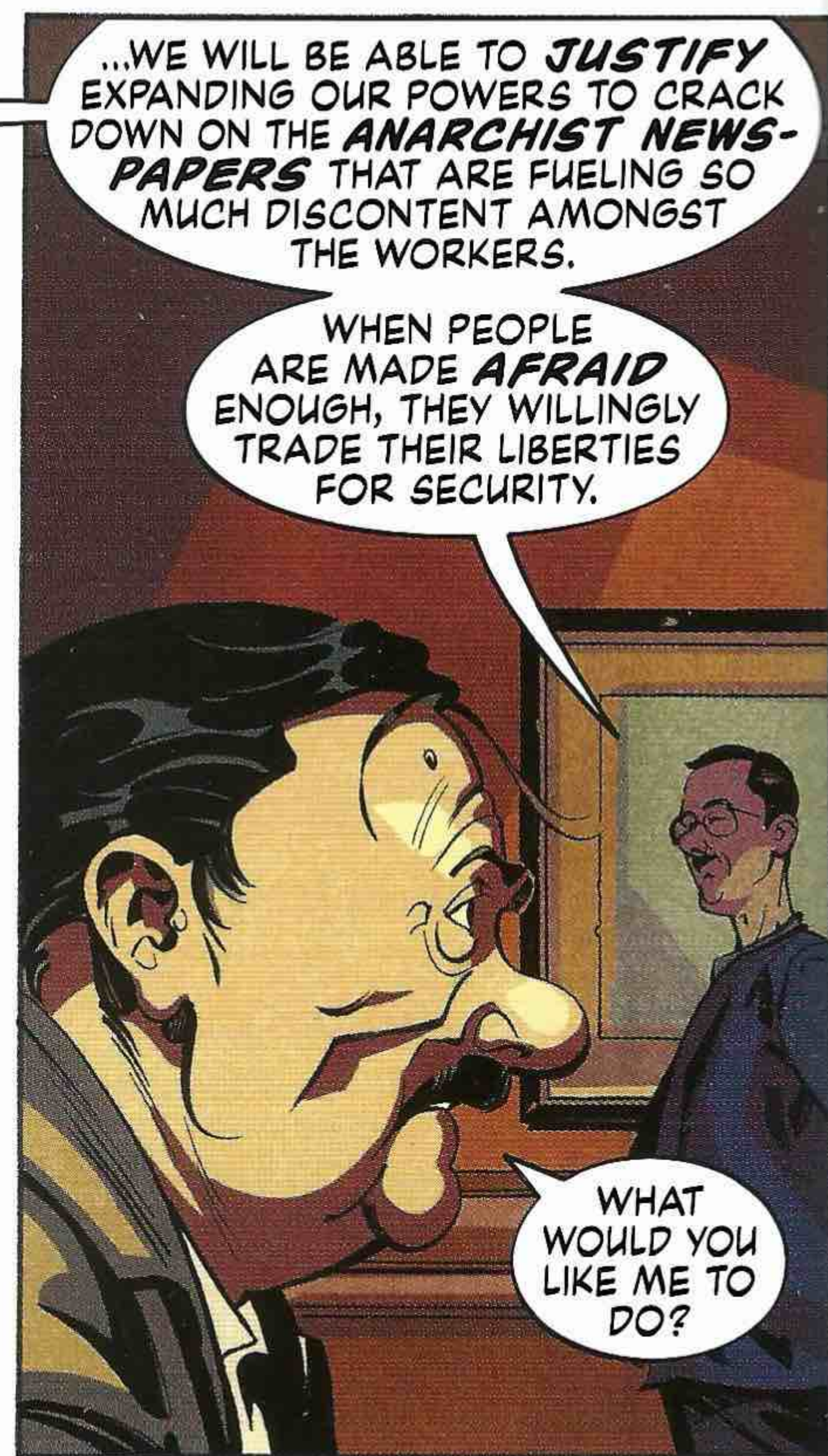
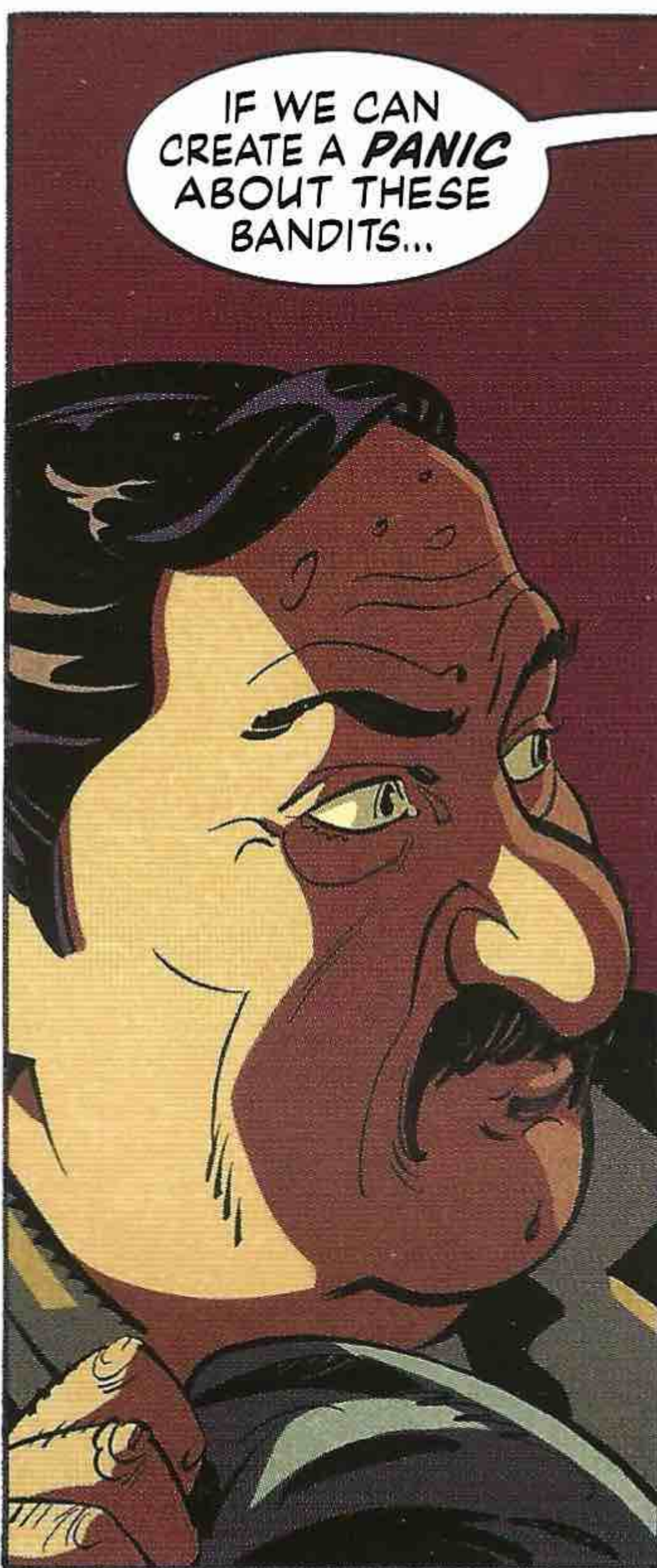


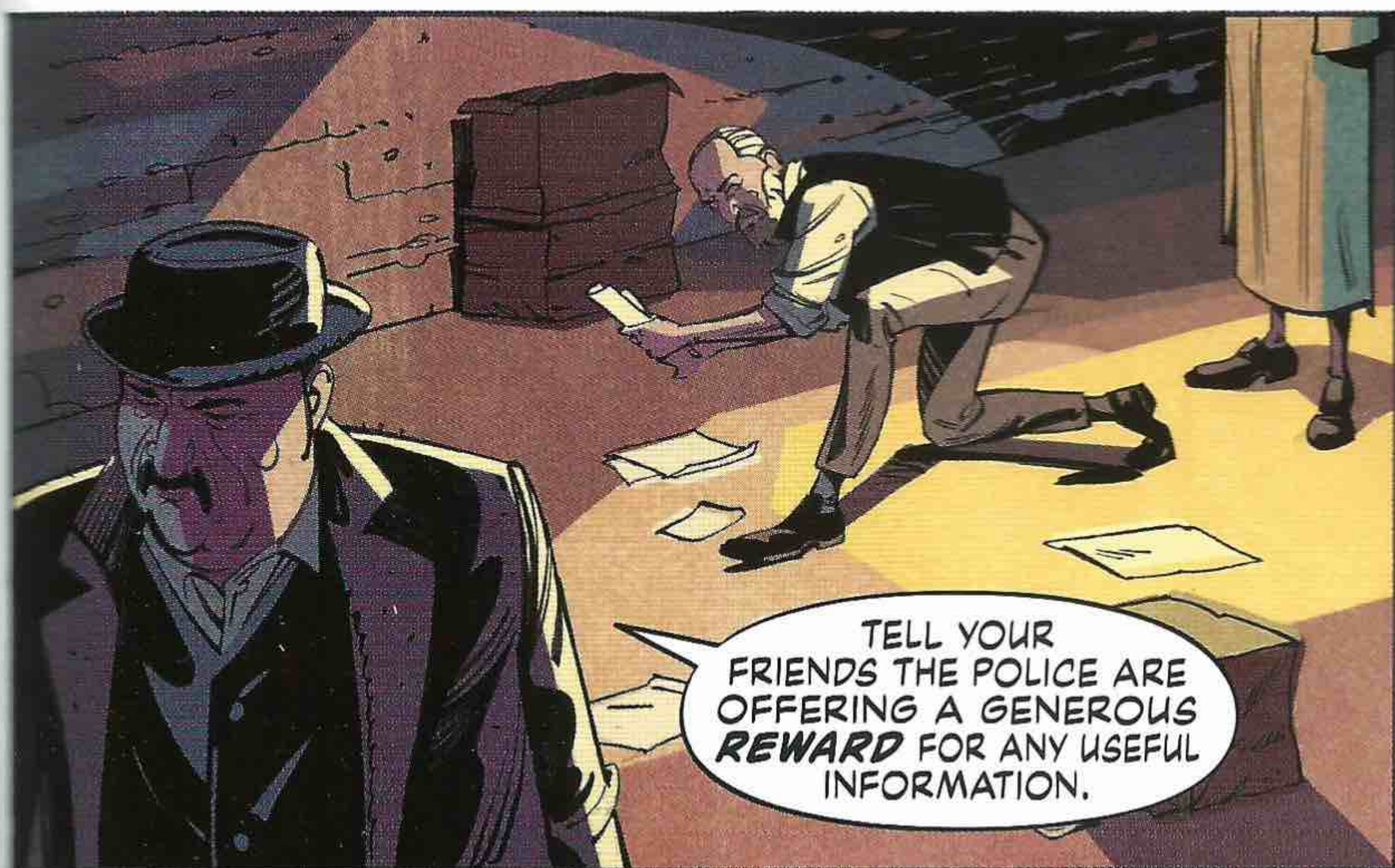
GET OUT AND YOU
WON'T BE HURT. KEEP YOUR
EYES **DOWN.**

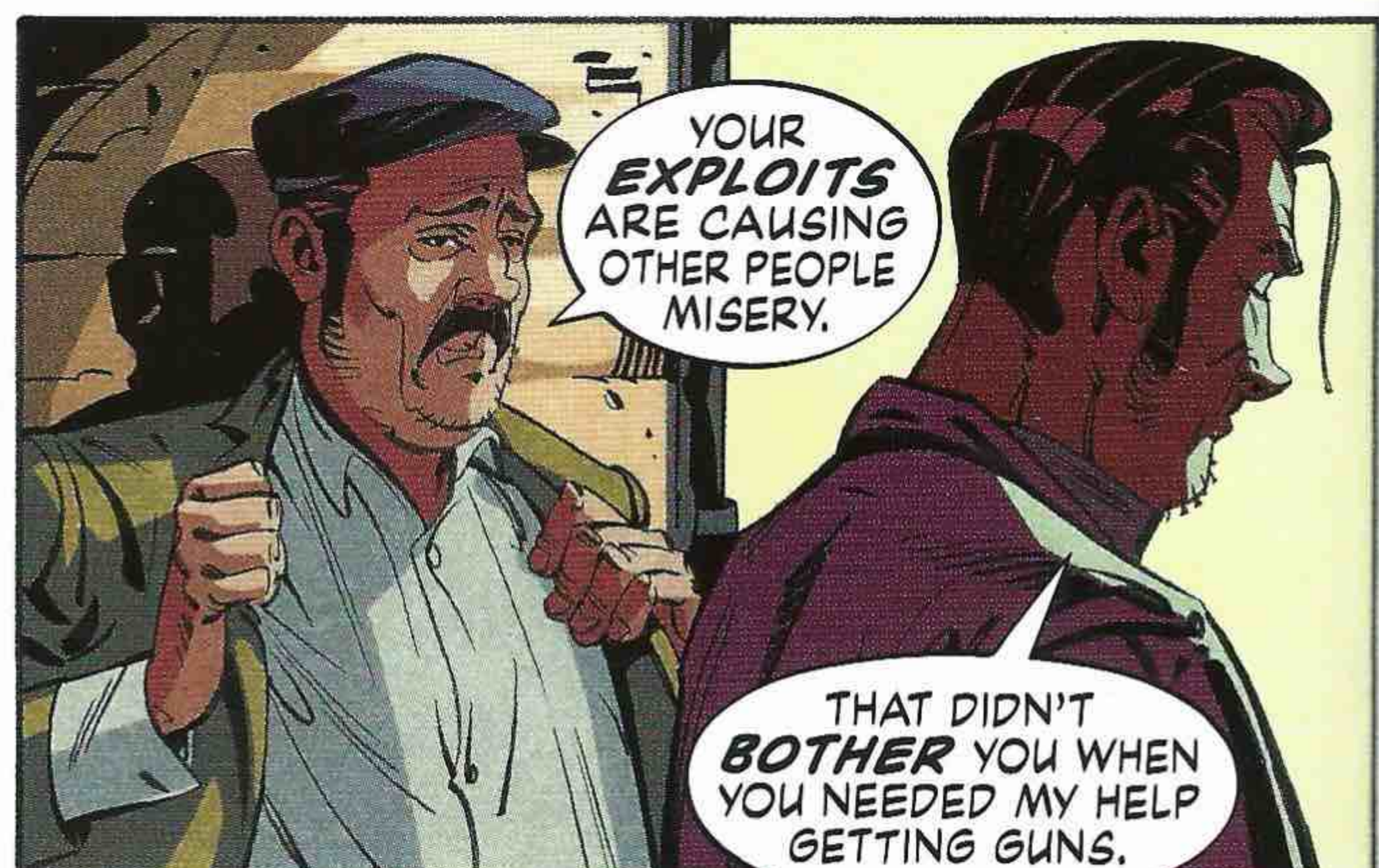
YES,
YES.

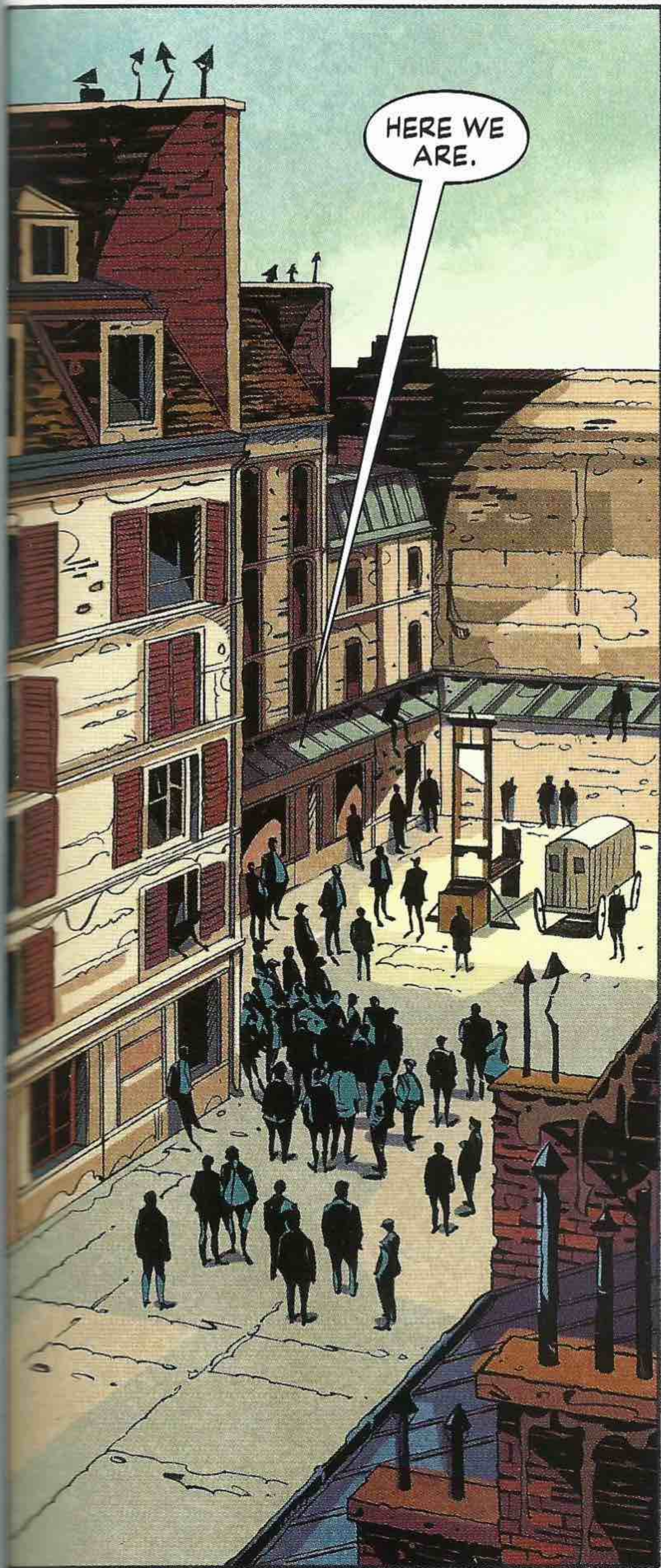












HERE WE ARE.



DON'T DO ANYTHING TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE POLICE.

WHAT'S ALL THIS?



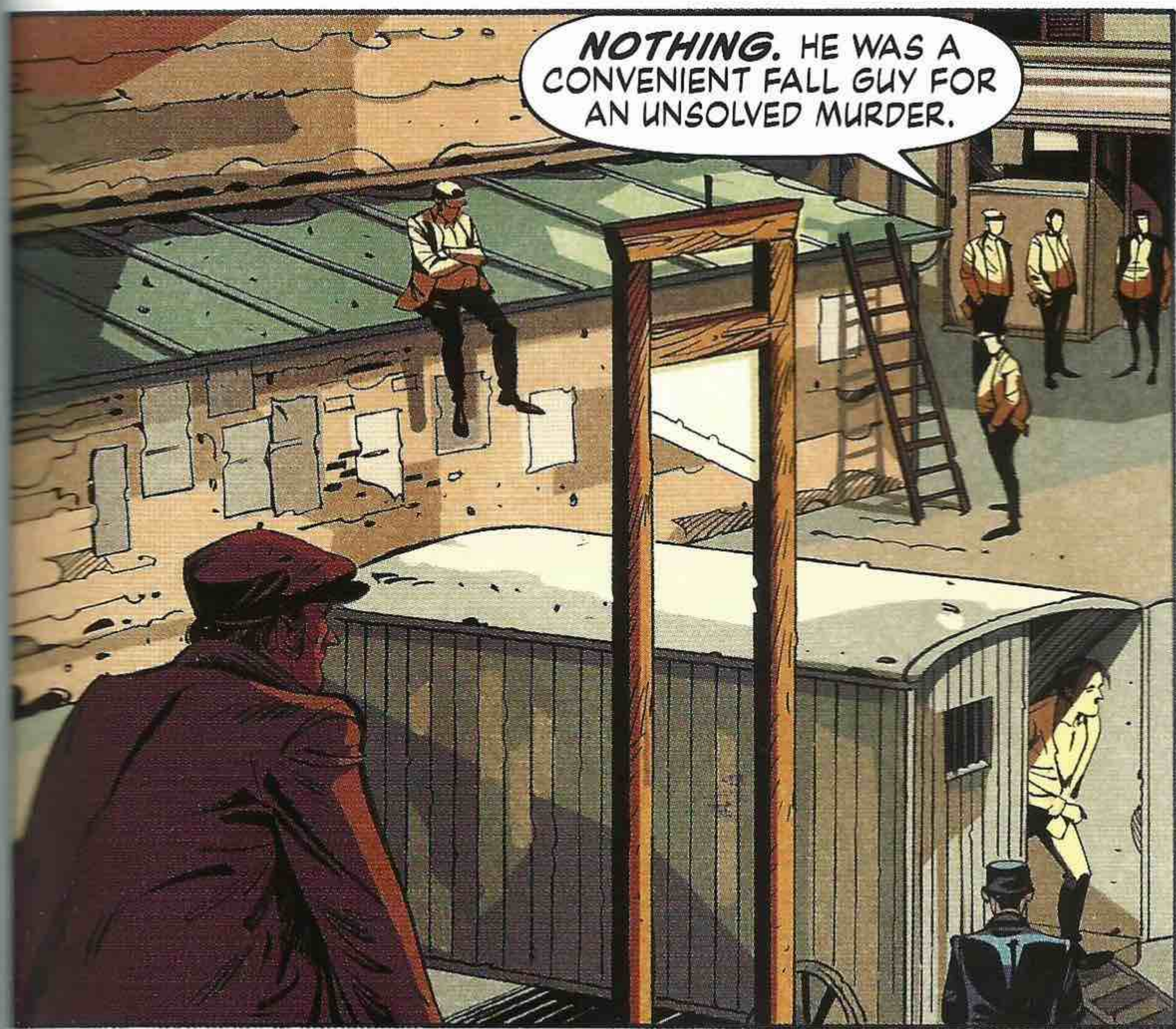
AN INNOCENT MAN IS ABOUT TO GET HIS HEAD REMOVED.



"THE **POLICE** ARE BECOMING MORE BRUTAL EVERY DAY."



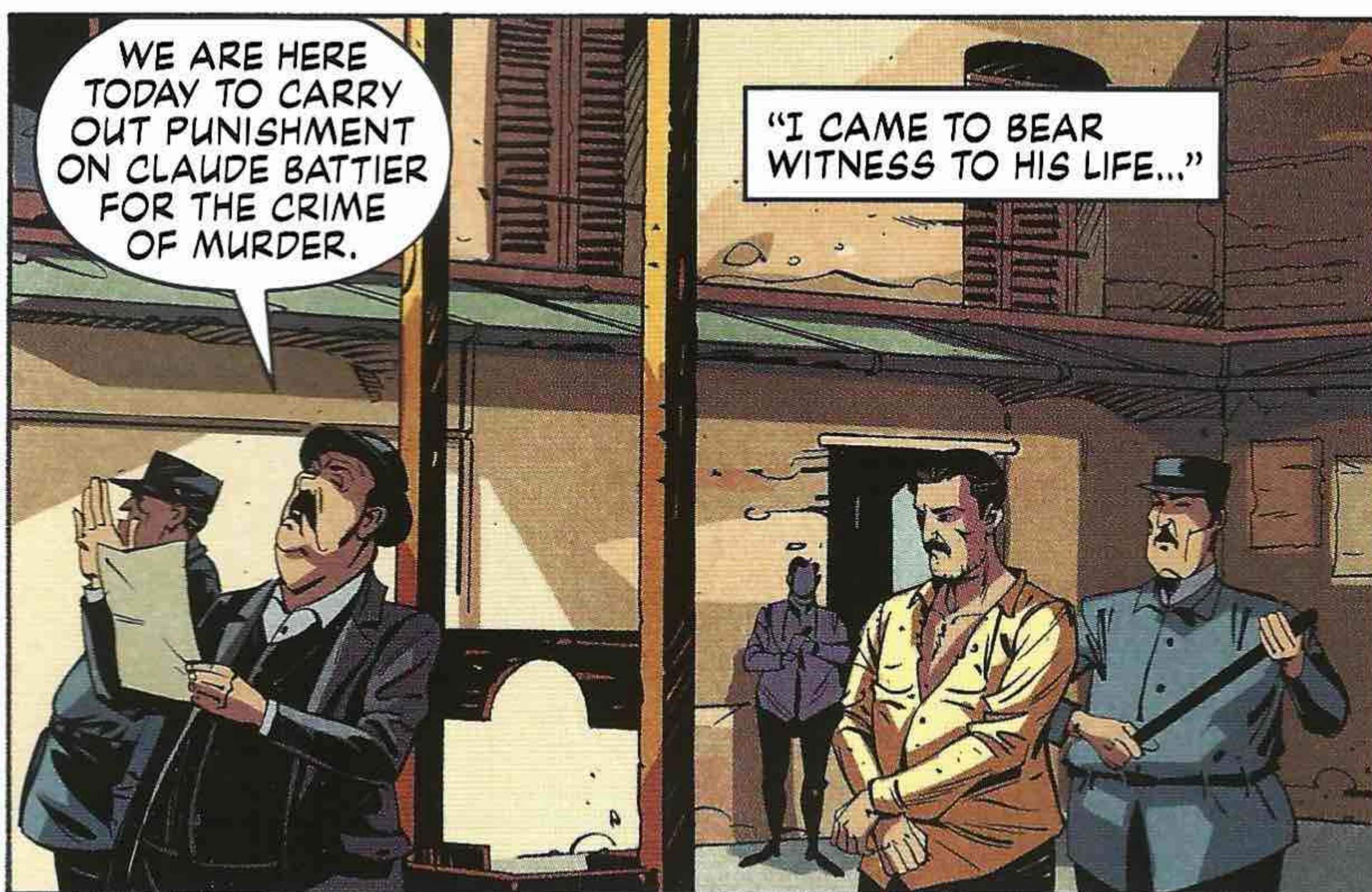
"WHAT DID HE **DO**?"



NOTHING. HE WAS A CONVENIENT FALL GUY FOR AN UNSOLVED MURDER.



"AND A COMRADE OF MINE."



WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CARRY OUT PUNISHMENT ON CLAUDE BATTIER FOR THE CRIME OF MURDER.

"I CAME TO BEAR WITNESS TO HIS LIFE..."

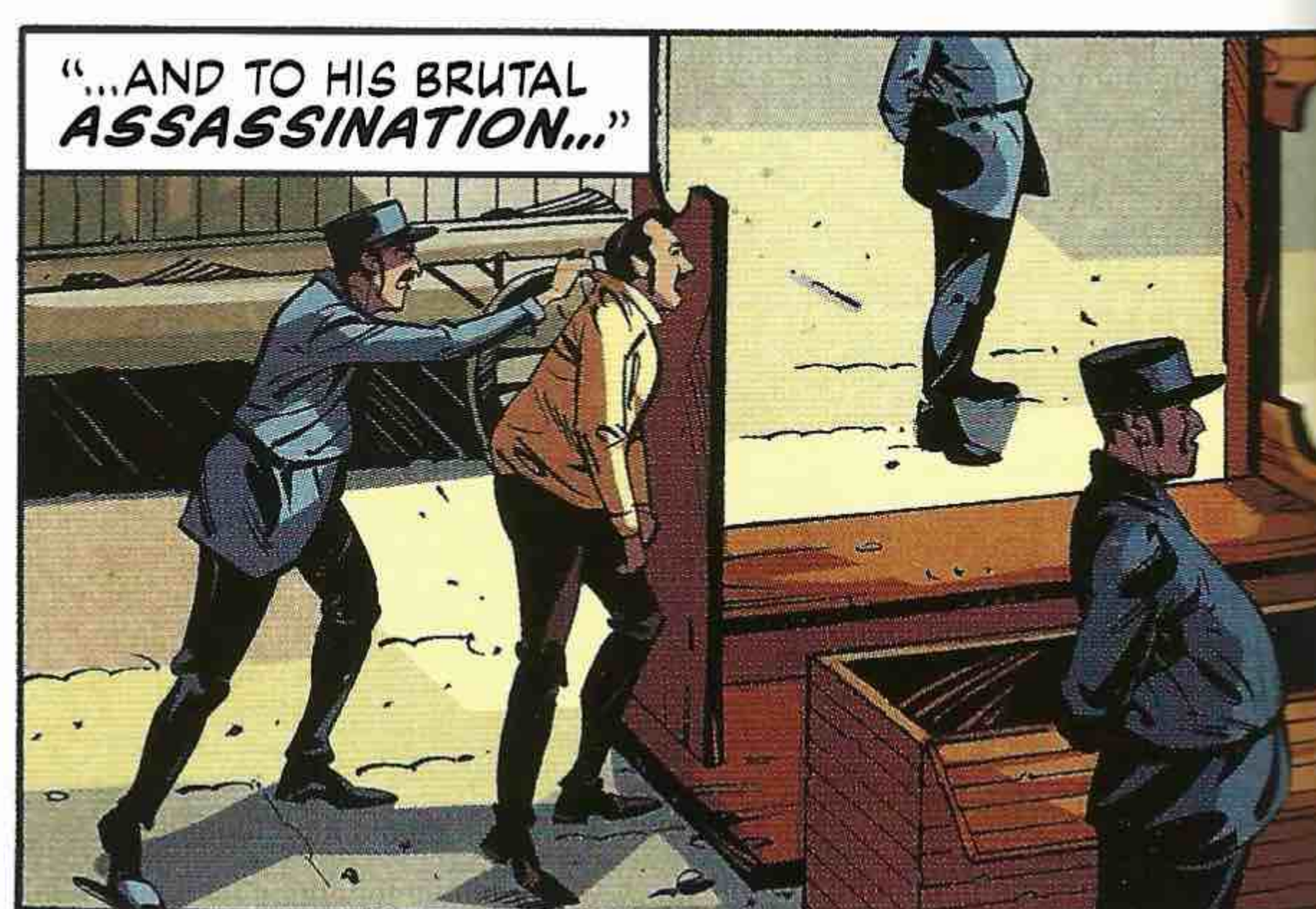


DID YOU COME TO ENJOY THE UNJUST SLAUGHTER OF AN INNOCENT MAN?

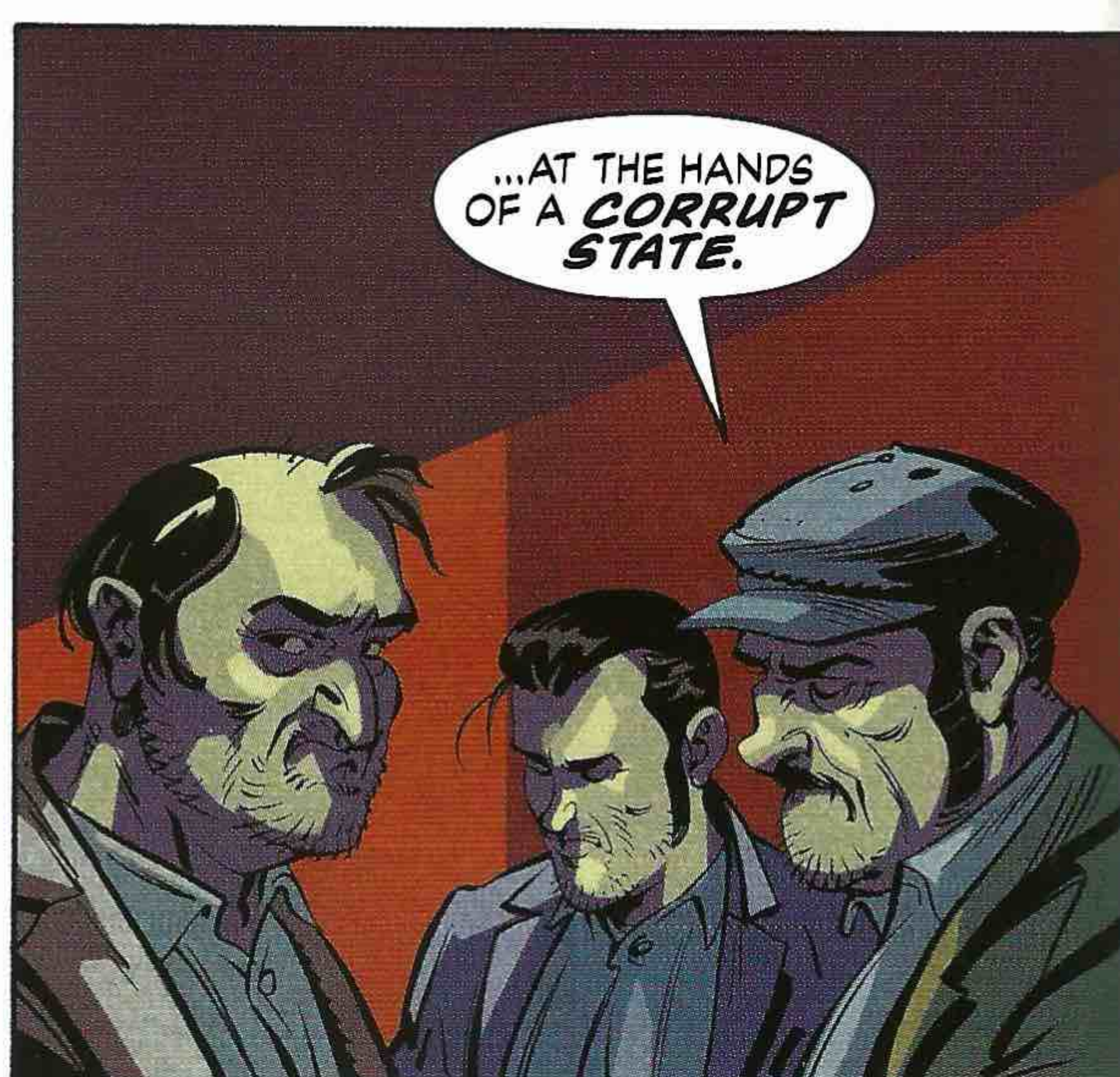
WILL IT MAKE YOU **HAPPY** TO SEE MY **HEAD** ON THE PAVEMENT?



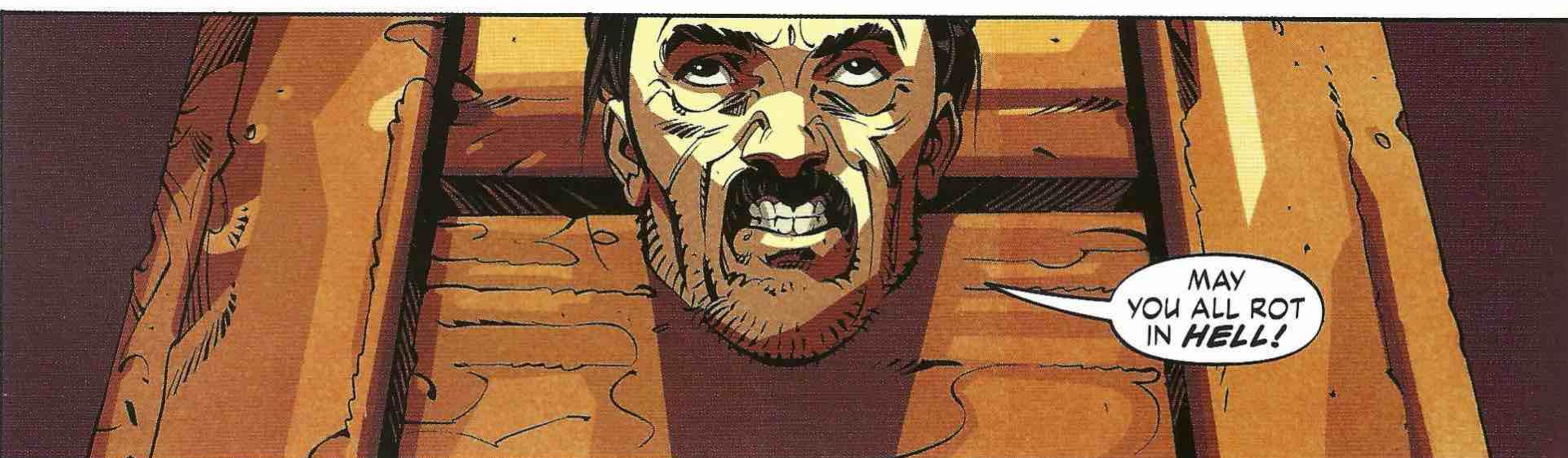
THAT'S ENOUGH.



"...AND TO HIS BRUTAL ASSASSINATION..."



...AT THE HANDS OF A **CORRUPT STATE**.



MAY YOU ALL ROT IN **HELL**!

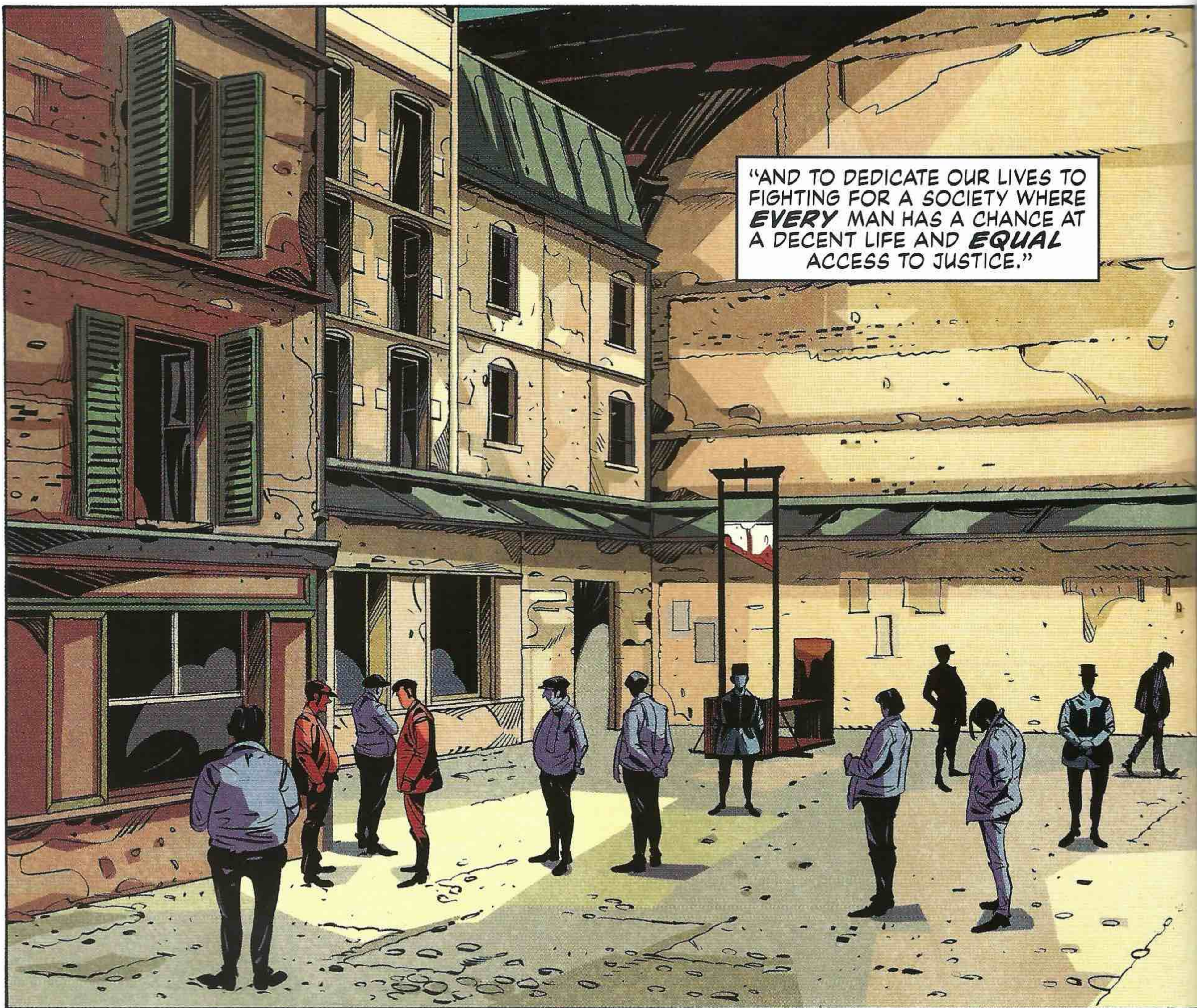
"IT COULD BE
ANY ONE
OF US UNDER
THAT BLADE.

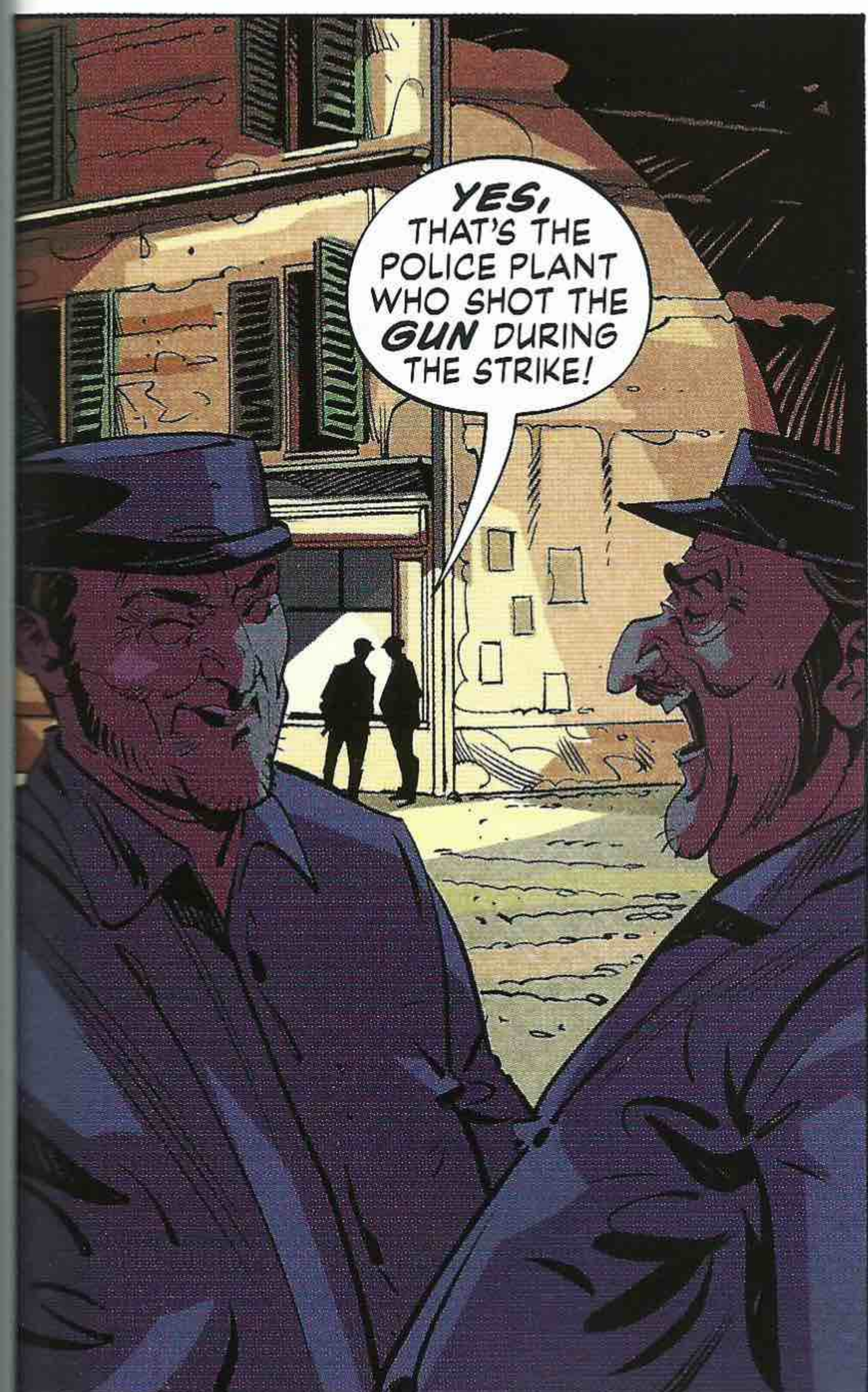
"WAITING FOR
IT TO FALL.

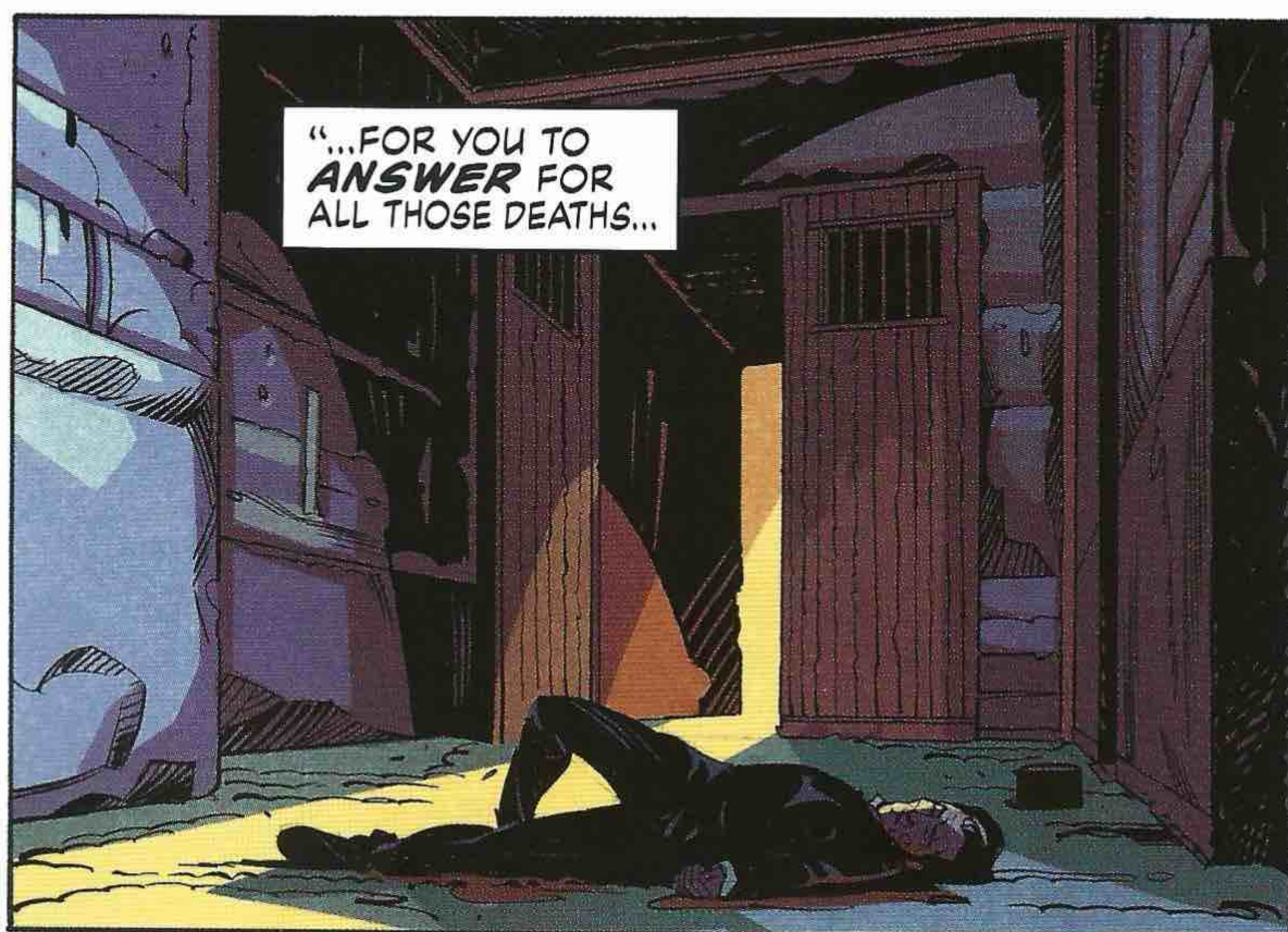
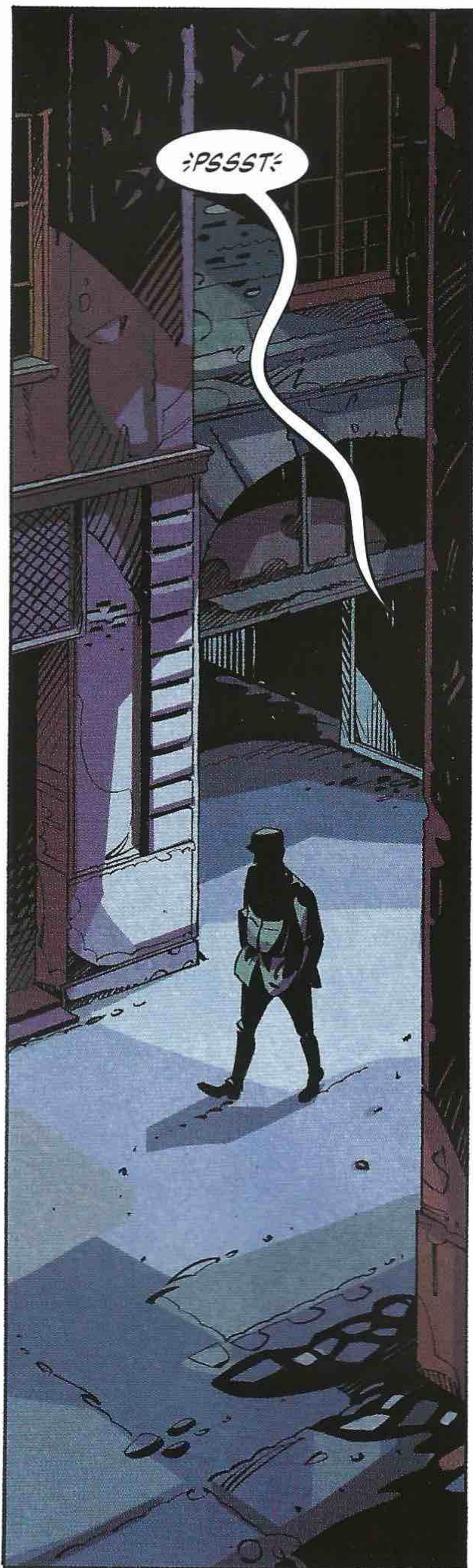
"KNOWING WE ARE **INNOCENT**.

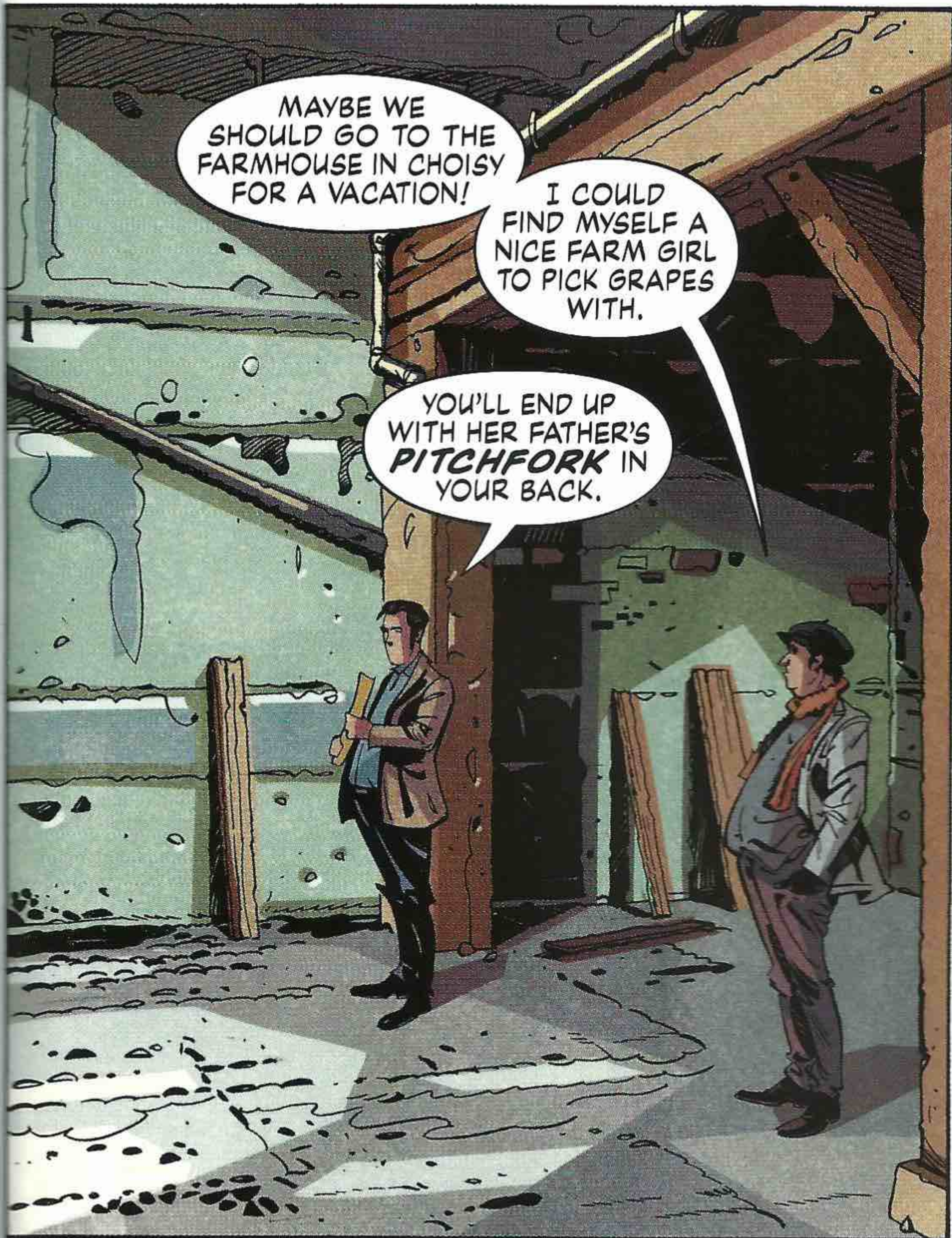
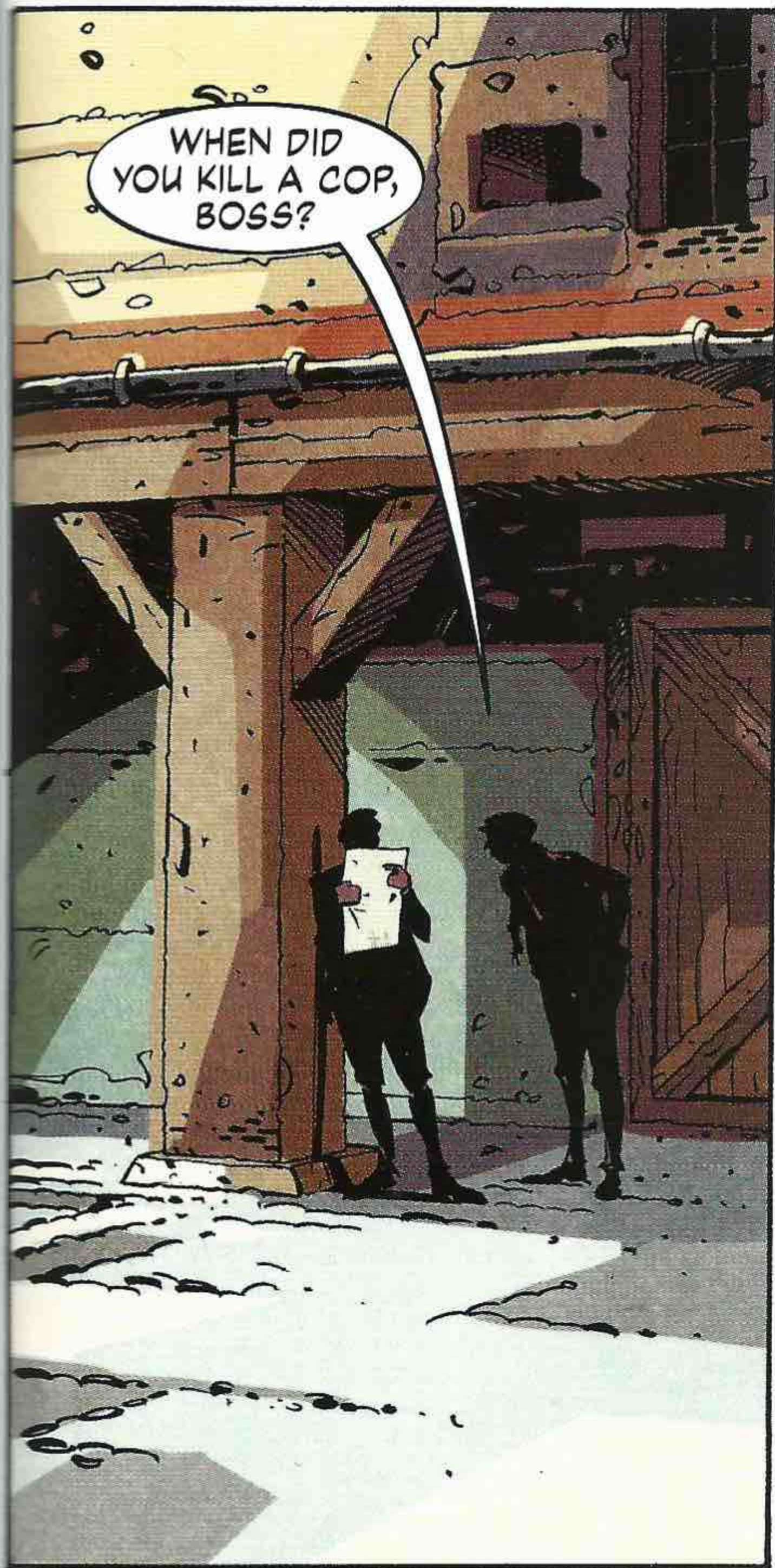
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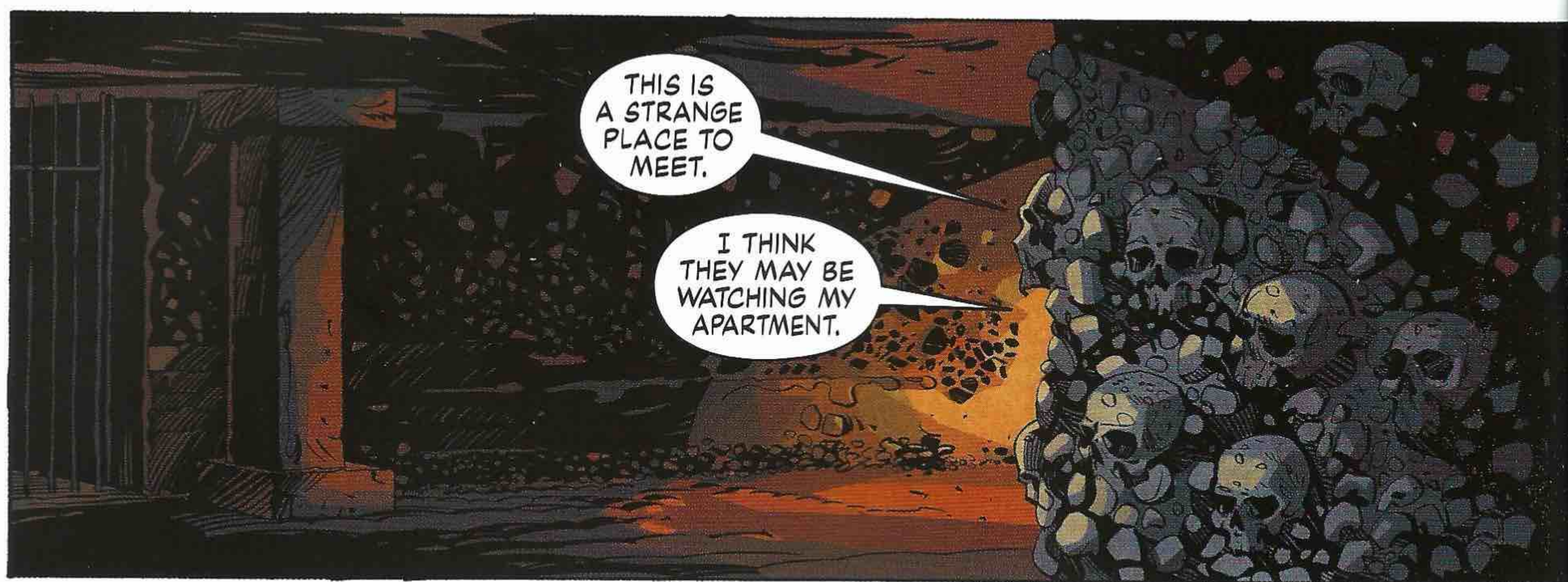
"THERE COMES A TIME
WHEN THERE IS NO CHOICE
BUT TO RISE UP AND
FIGHT AGAINST THE
MONSTROUS INJUSTICE
THAT SURROUNDS US."











THIS IS
A STRANGE
PLACE TO
MEET.

I THINK
THEY MAY BE
WATCHING MY
APARTMENT.



THIS IS MY
FAVORITE PLACE
IN PARIS.

IT REMINDS
ME THAT WE ARE
NEVER VERY FAR
FROM DEATH.



RUSCA, I'M PLANNING A
JOB AND I WANT YOU TO
BE A PART OF IT.



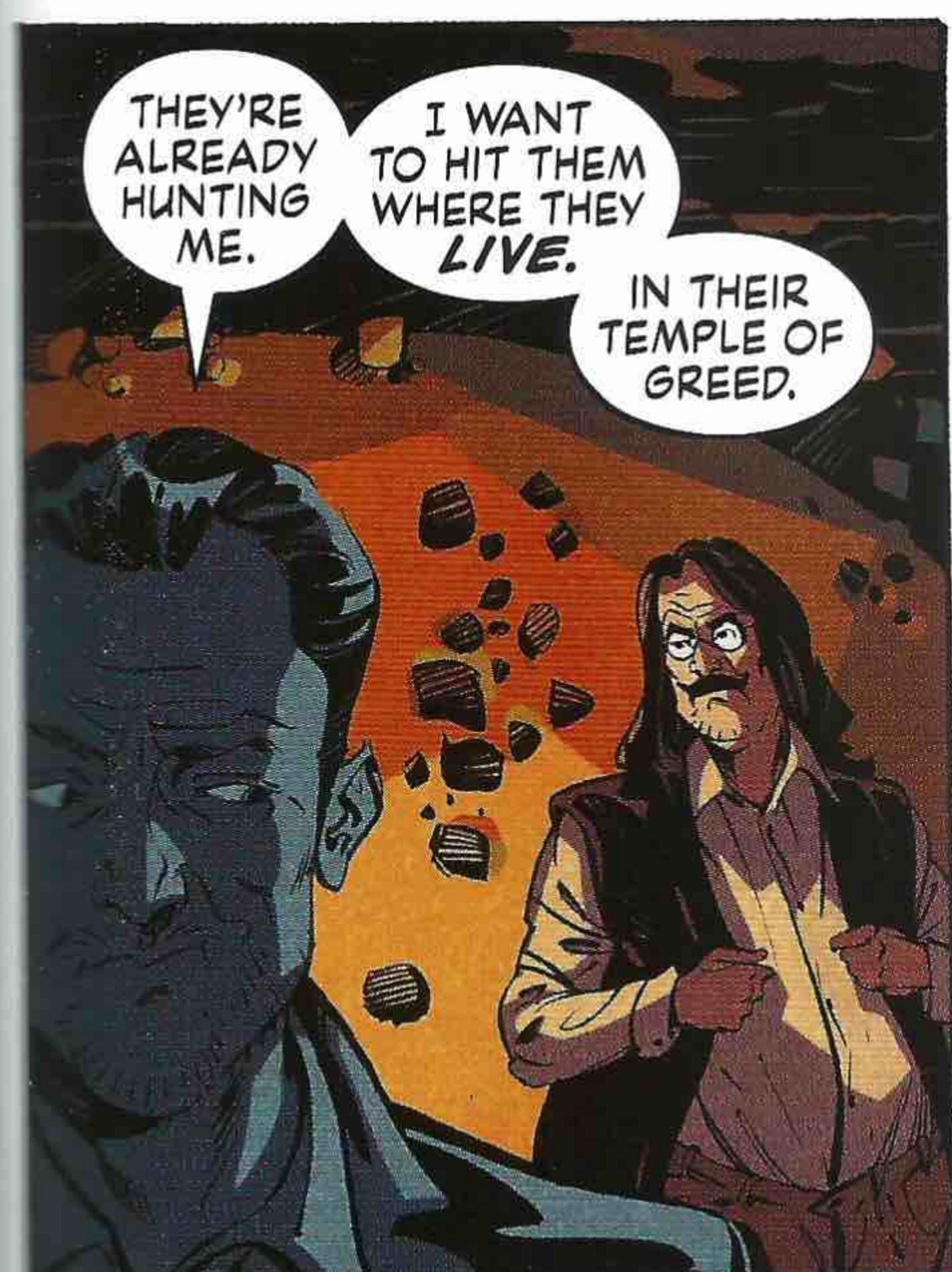
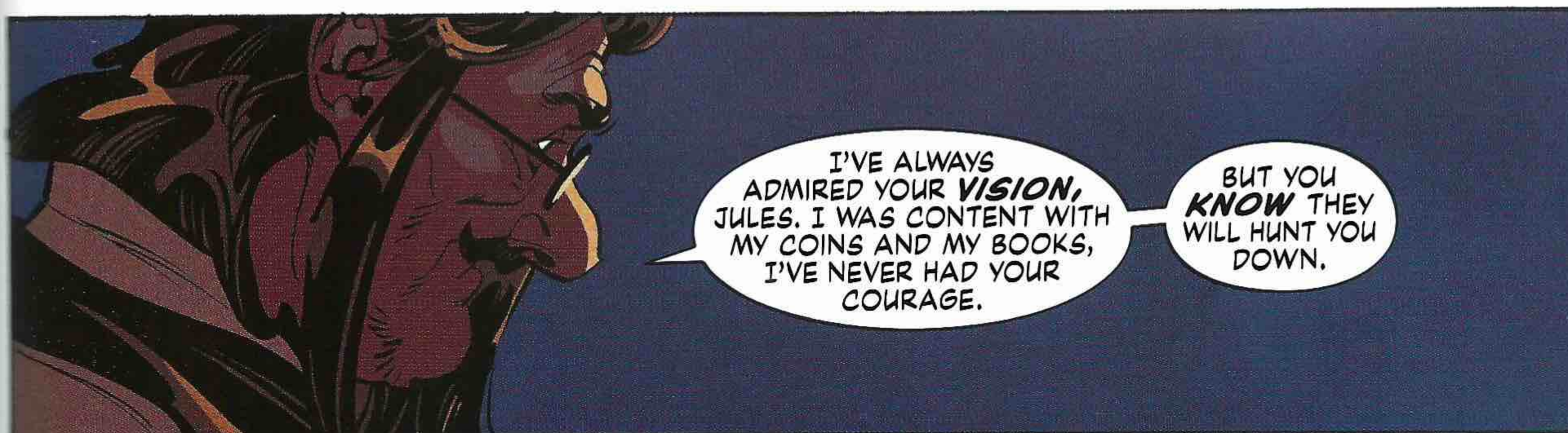
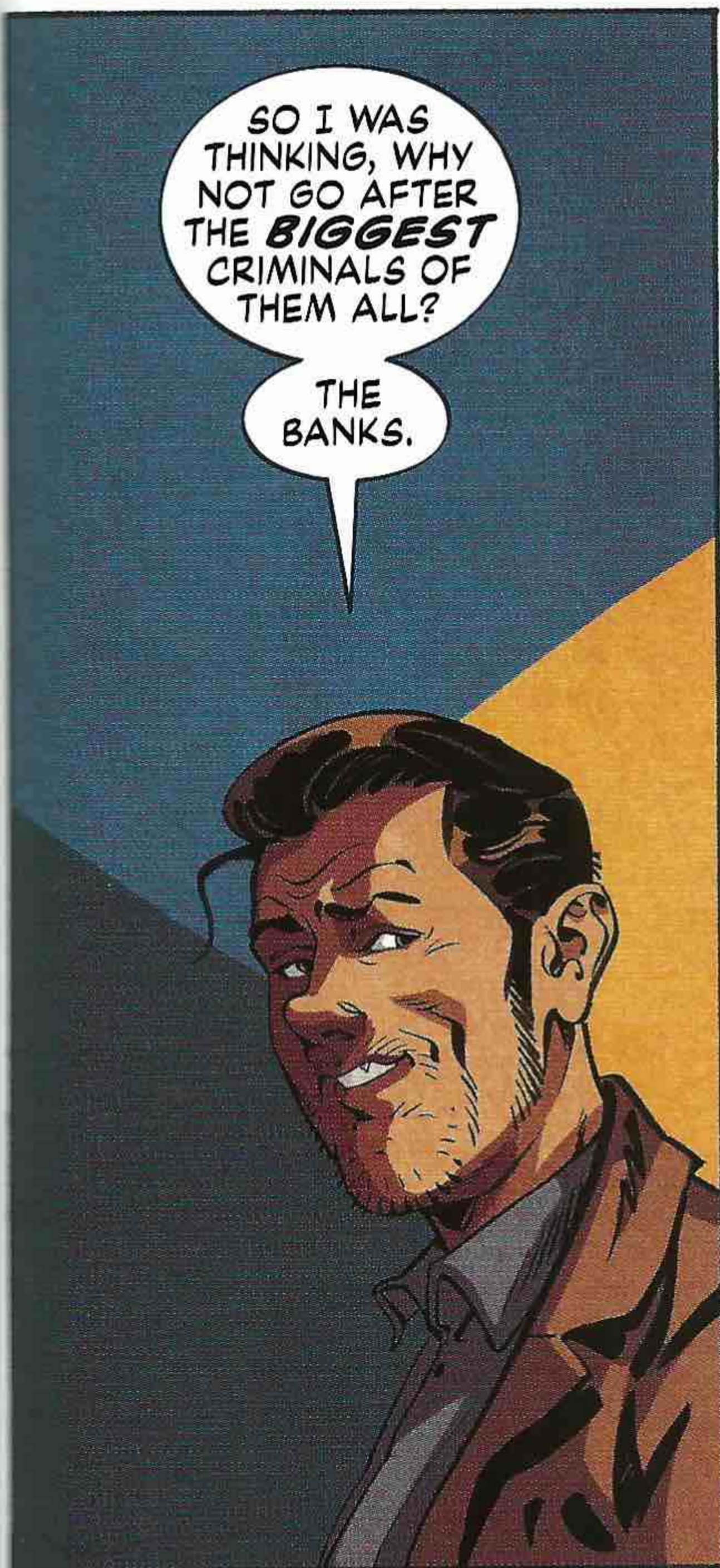
HAVE YOU
SEEN THE PAPER?
THE AUTO BANDITS
ARE ON THE **FRONT**
PAGE, AS
ALWAYS.

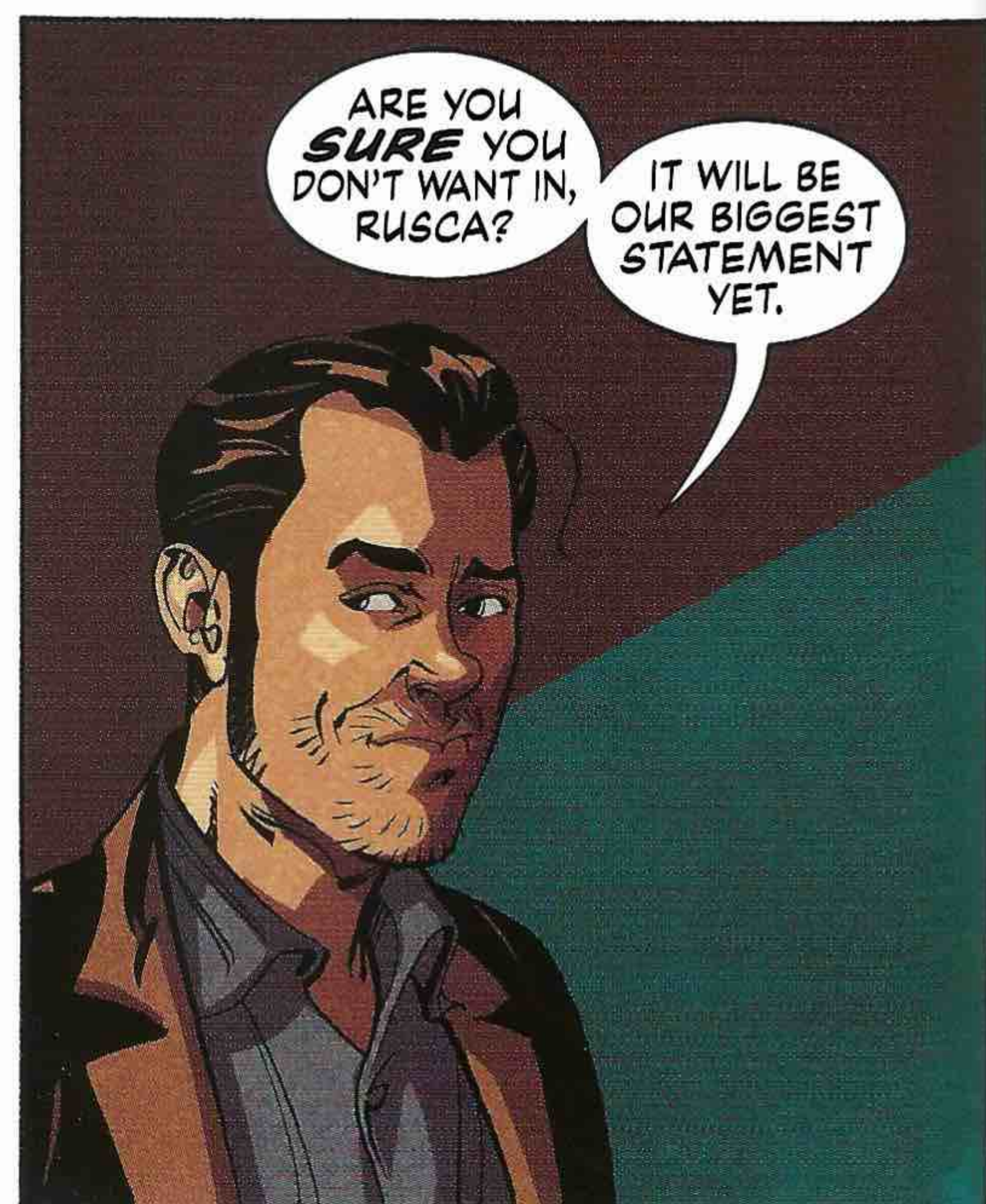
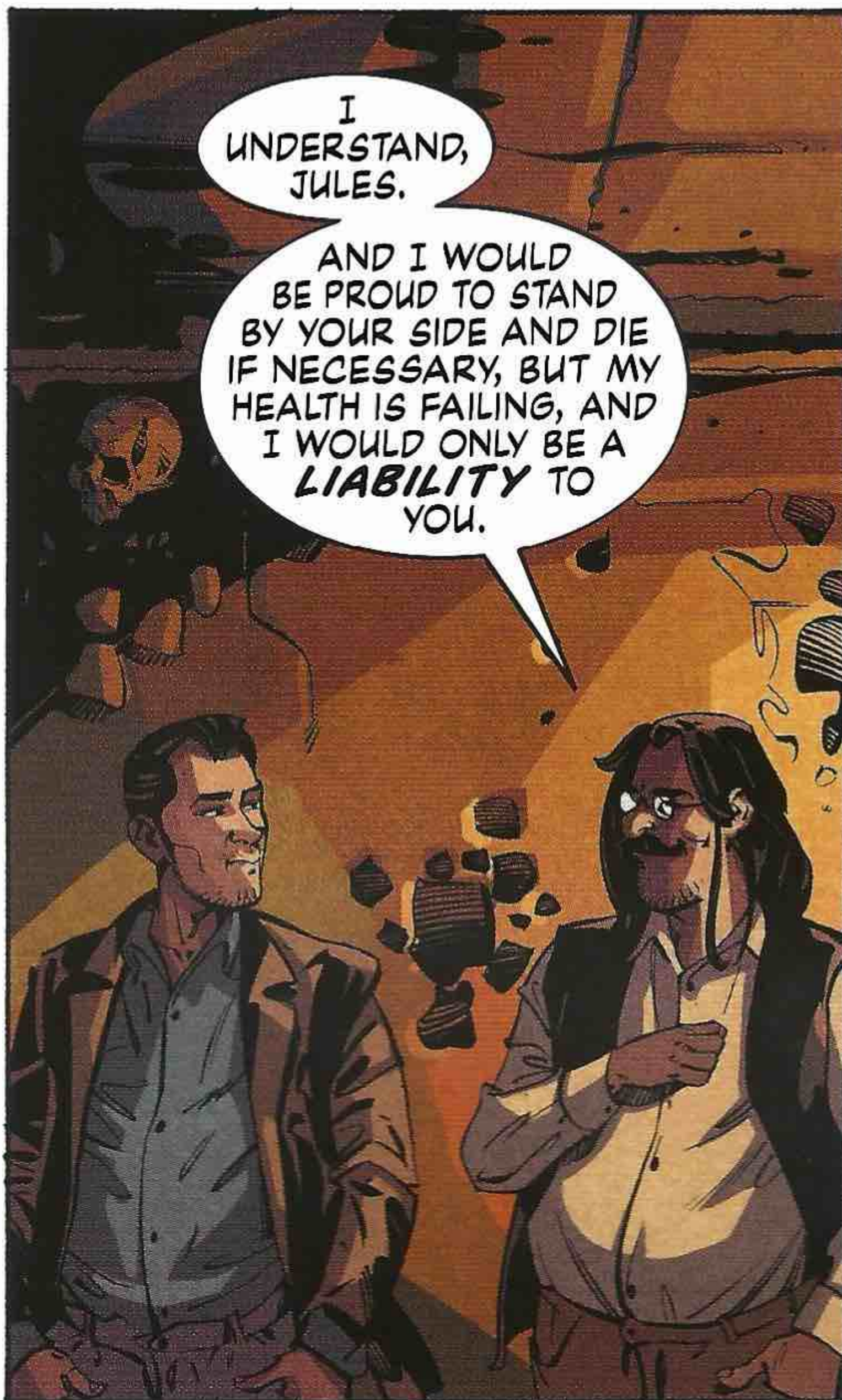
AND ON PAGE
EIGHT IS A TINY COLUMN
ABOUT A **BANKER** WHO
EMBEZZLED OVER THREE
MILLION FRANCS.

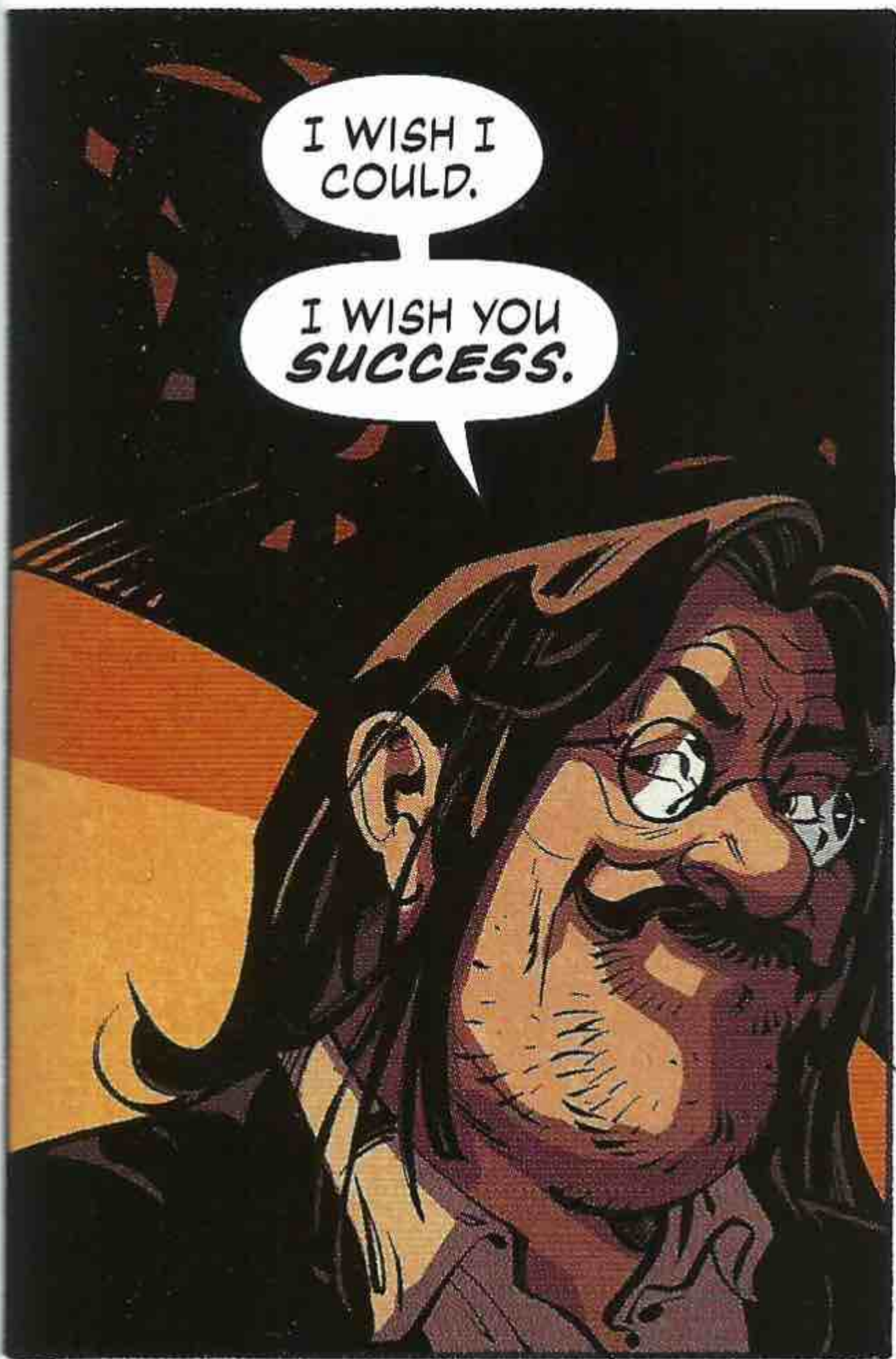
FAR MORE
THAN **WE** HAVE EVER
STOLEN, AND BARELY A
MENTION. NO JAIL, NO
DEVIL'S ISLAND.

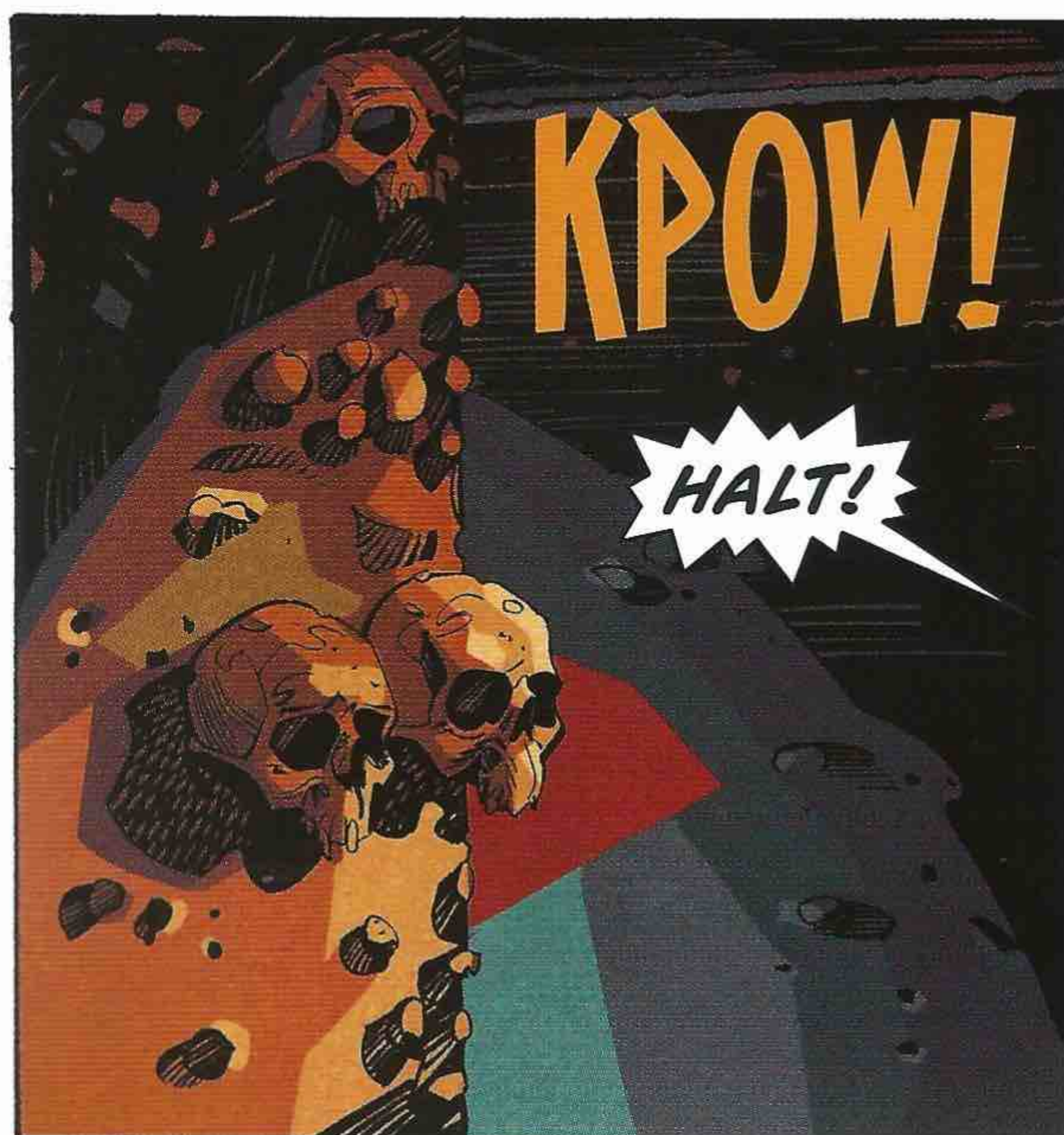


THE RICH
NEVER PAY FOR
THEIR SINS.









OKAY,
EVERYONE HAS
THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.
ANY QUESTIONS?

IT'S A **BRILLIANT**
PLAN, JULES. I'M SURPRISED
YOU DIDN'T THINK OF IT
SOONER.

I'M
IN.

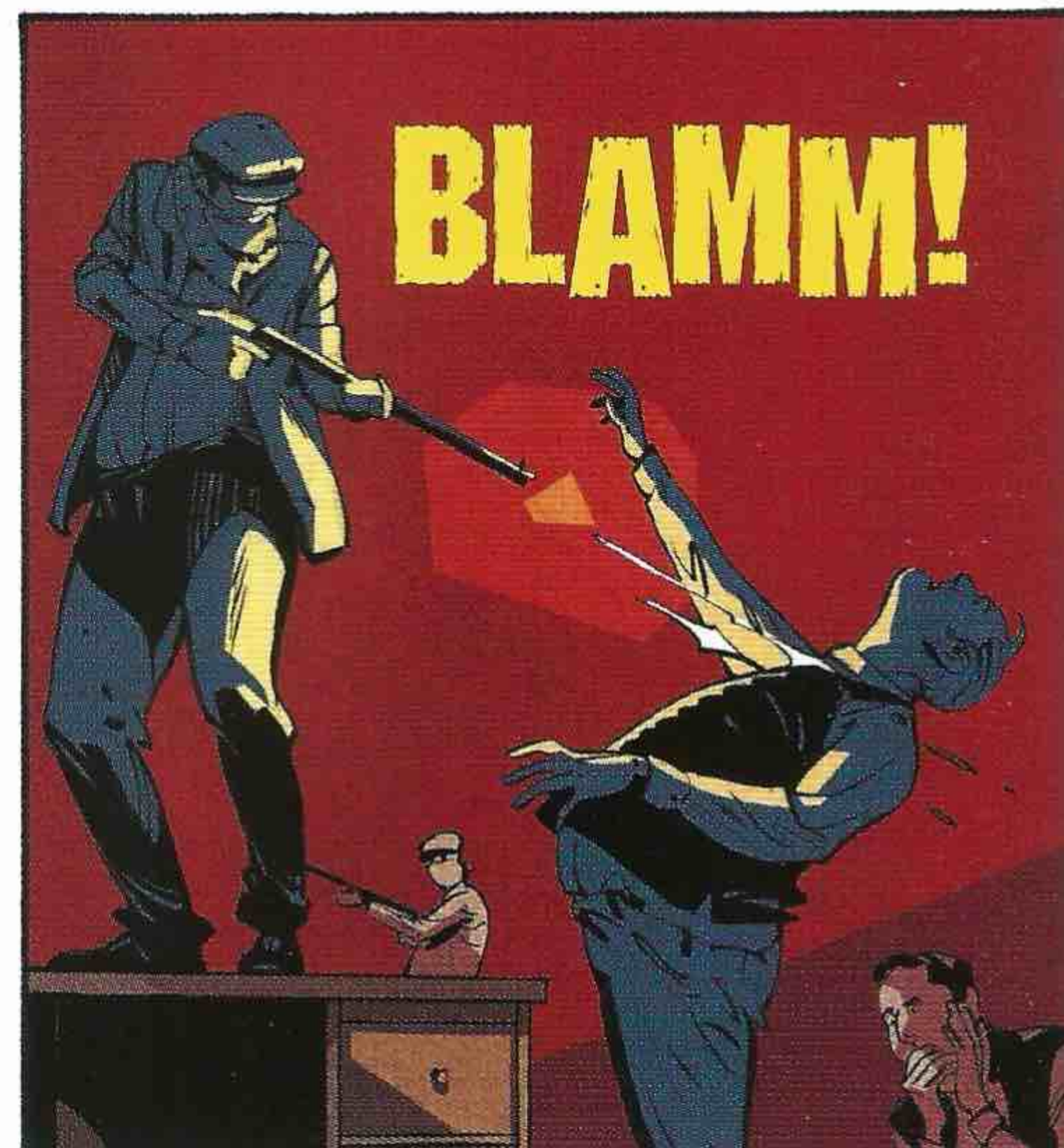
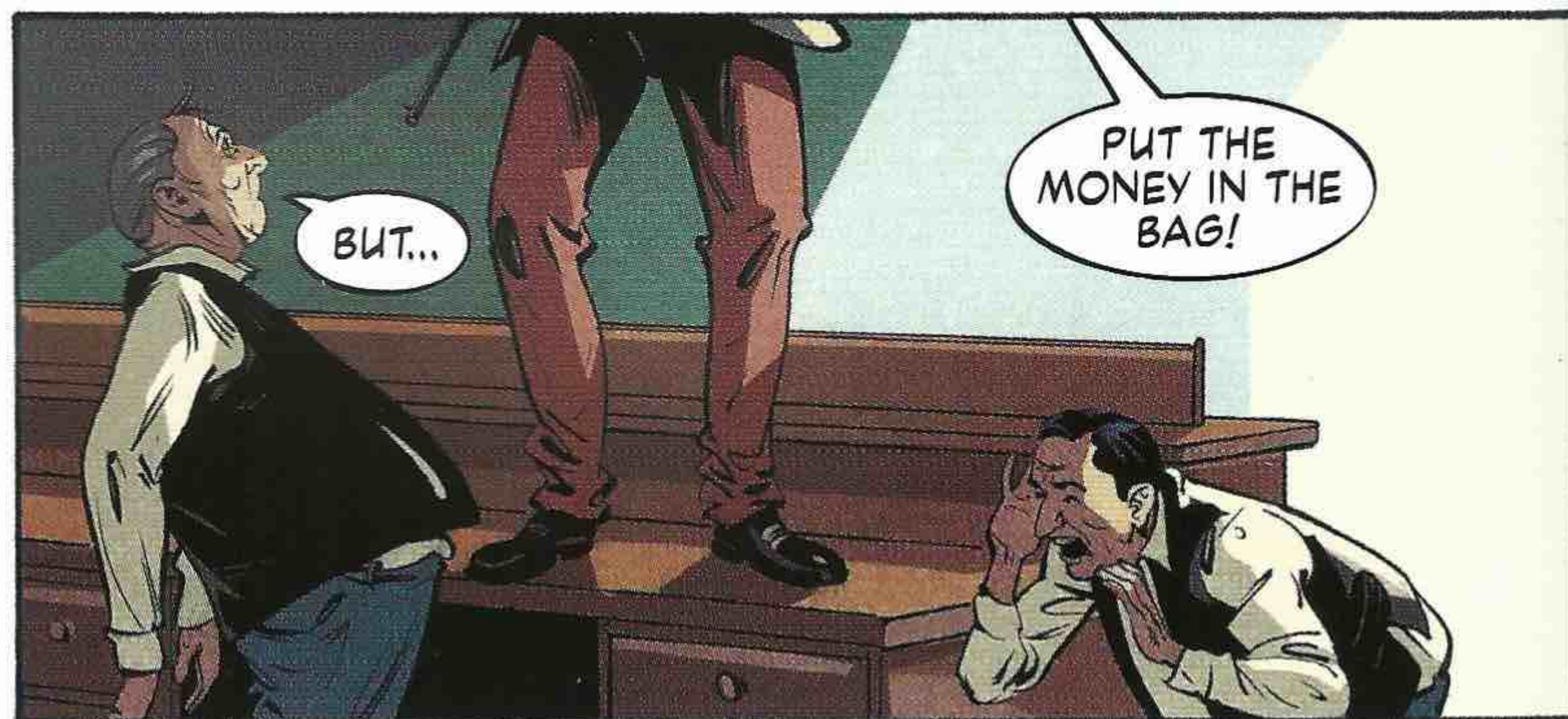
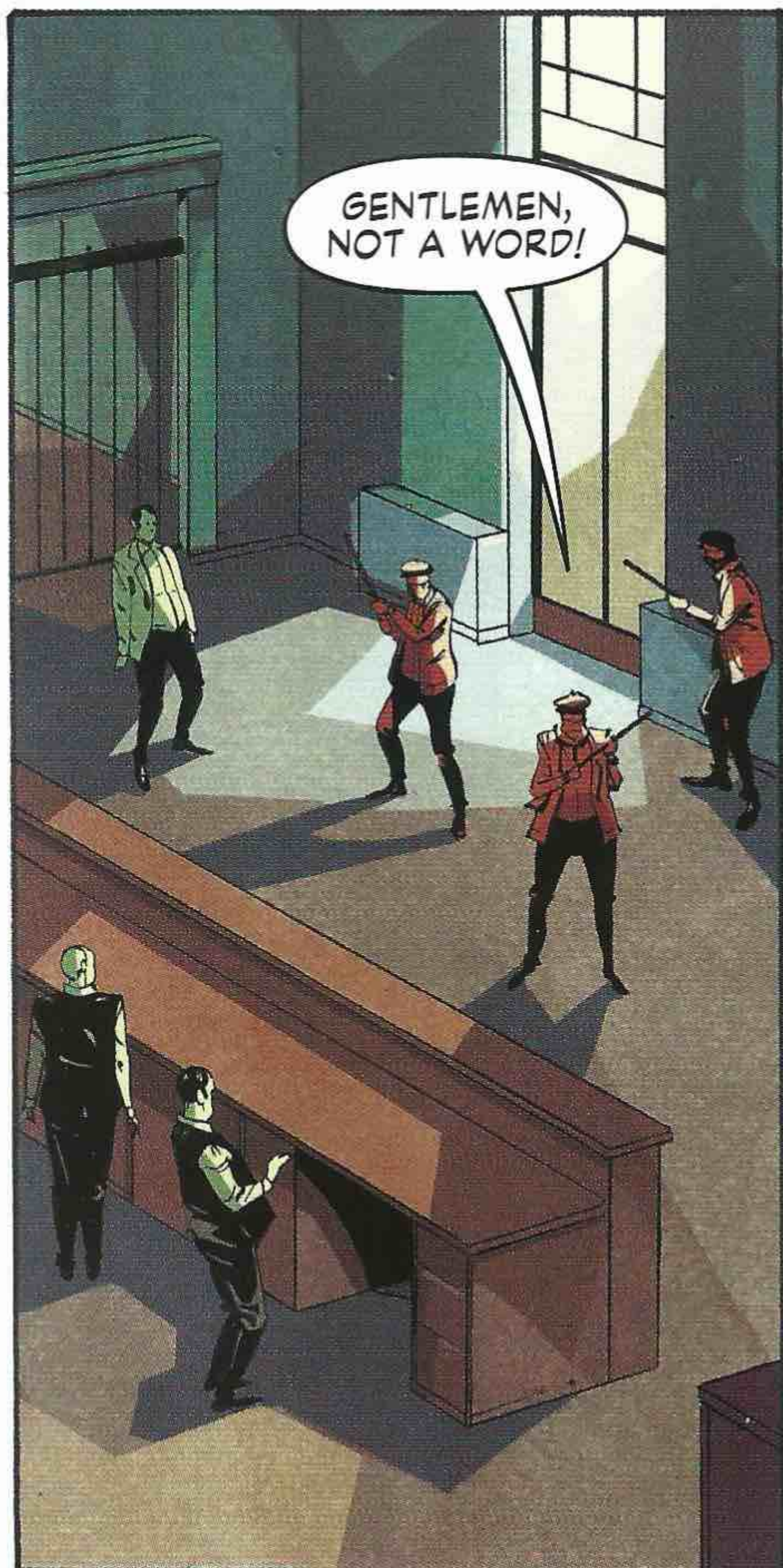
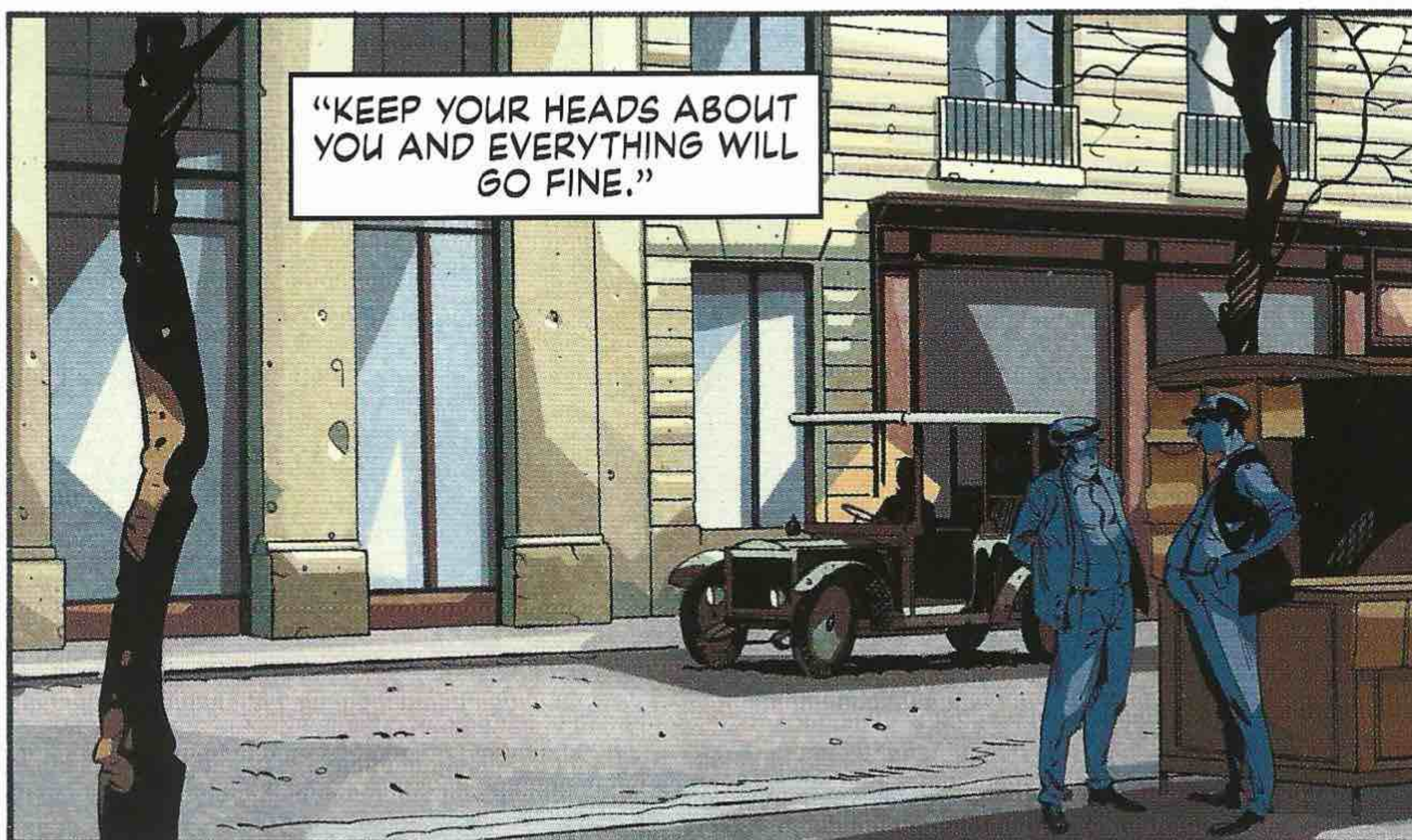
GOOD.
BUT REMEMBER,
NO ONE IS TO GET
KILLED UNLESS
ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY,
RENE.

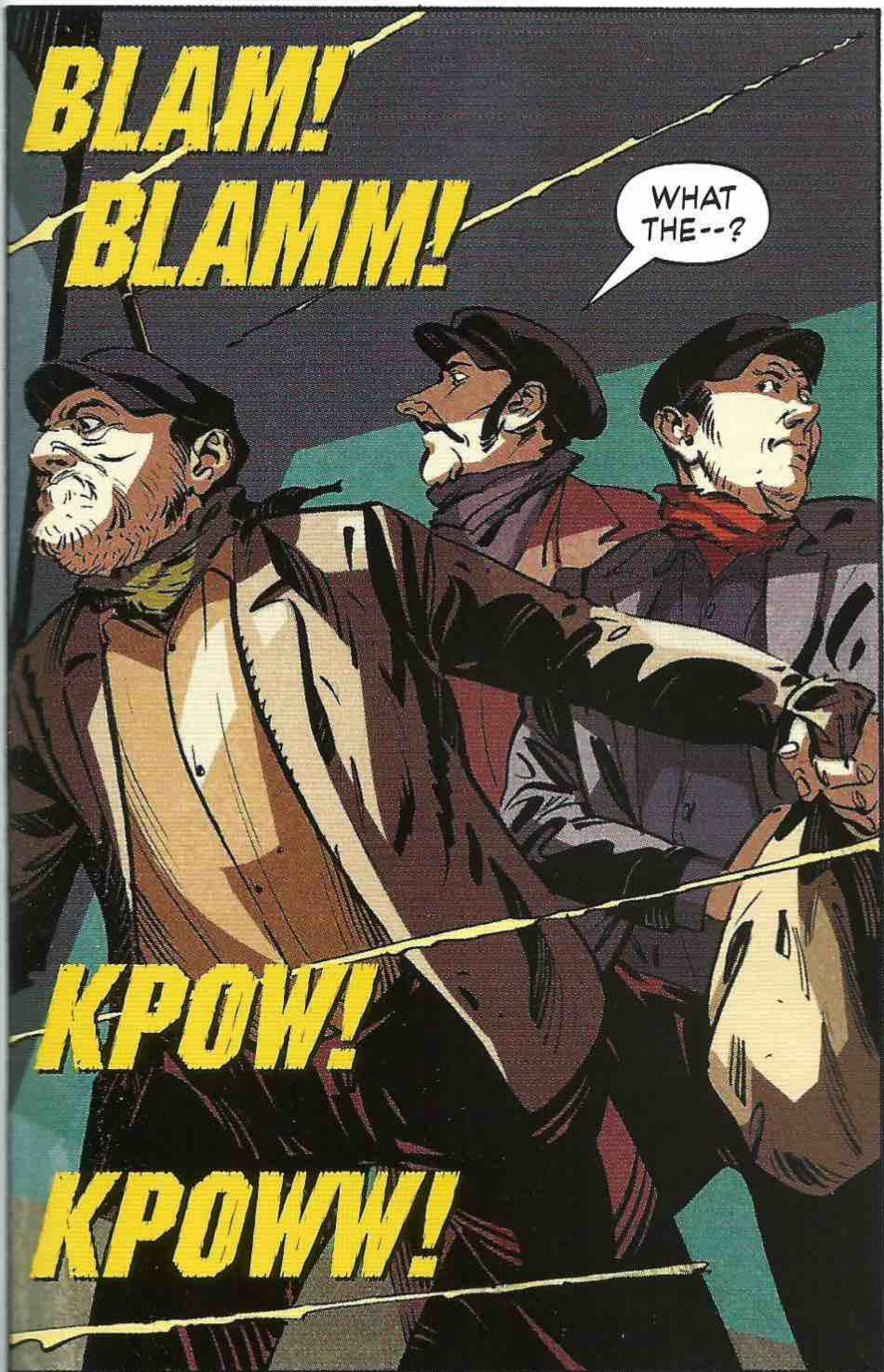
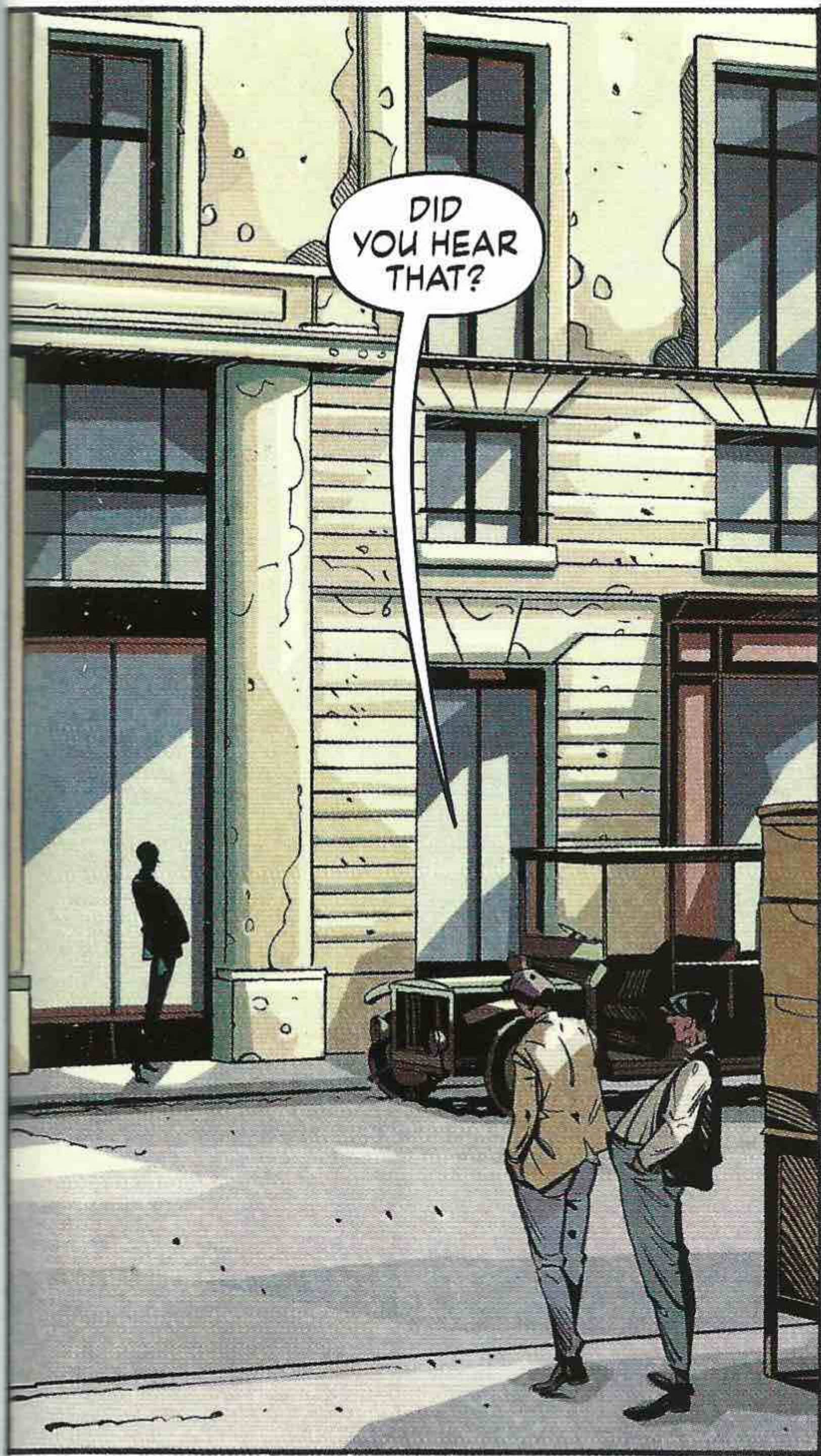
I'M IN,
BOSS.

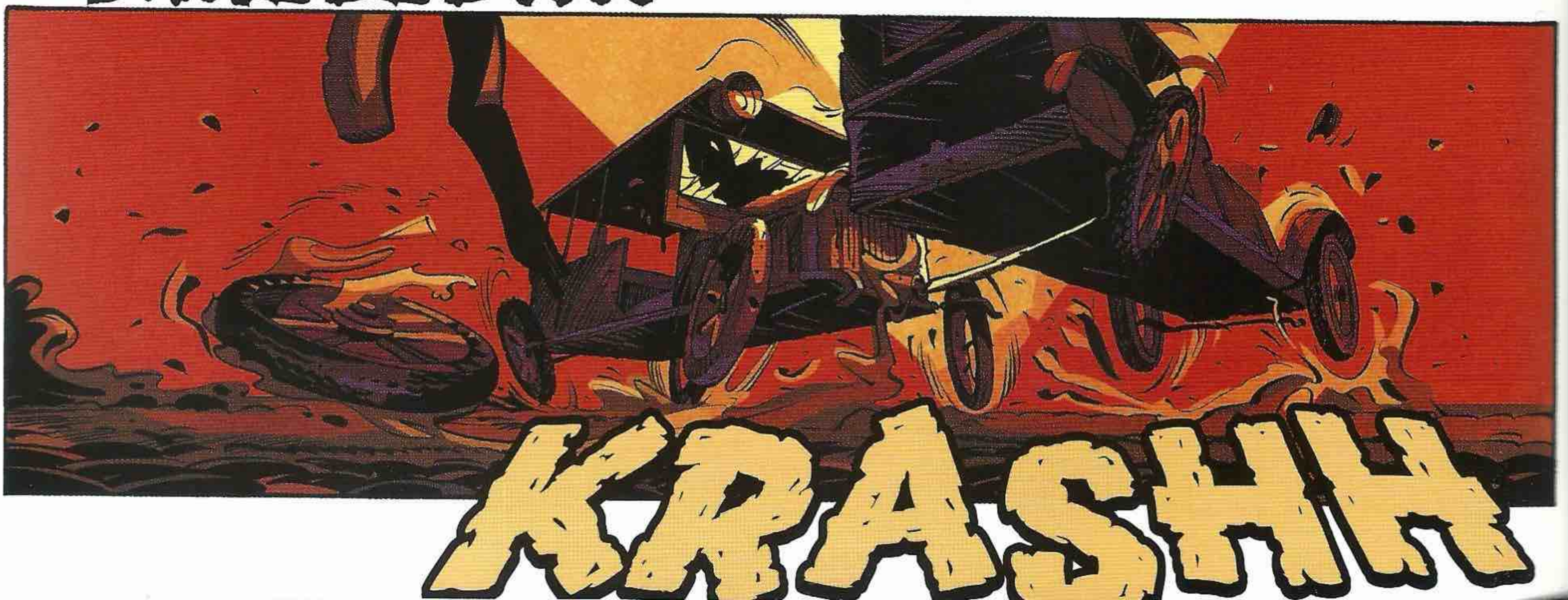
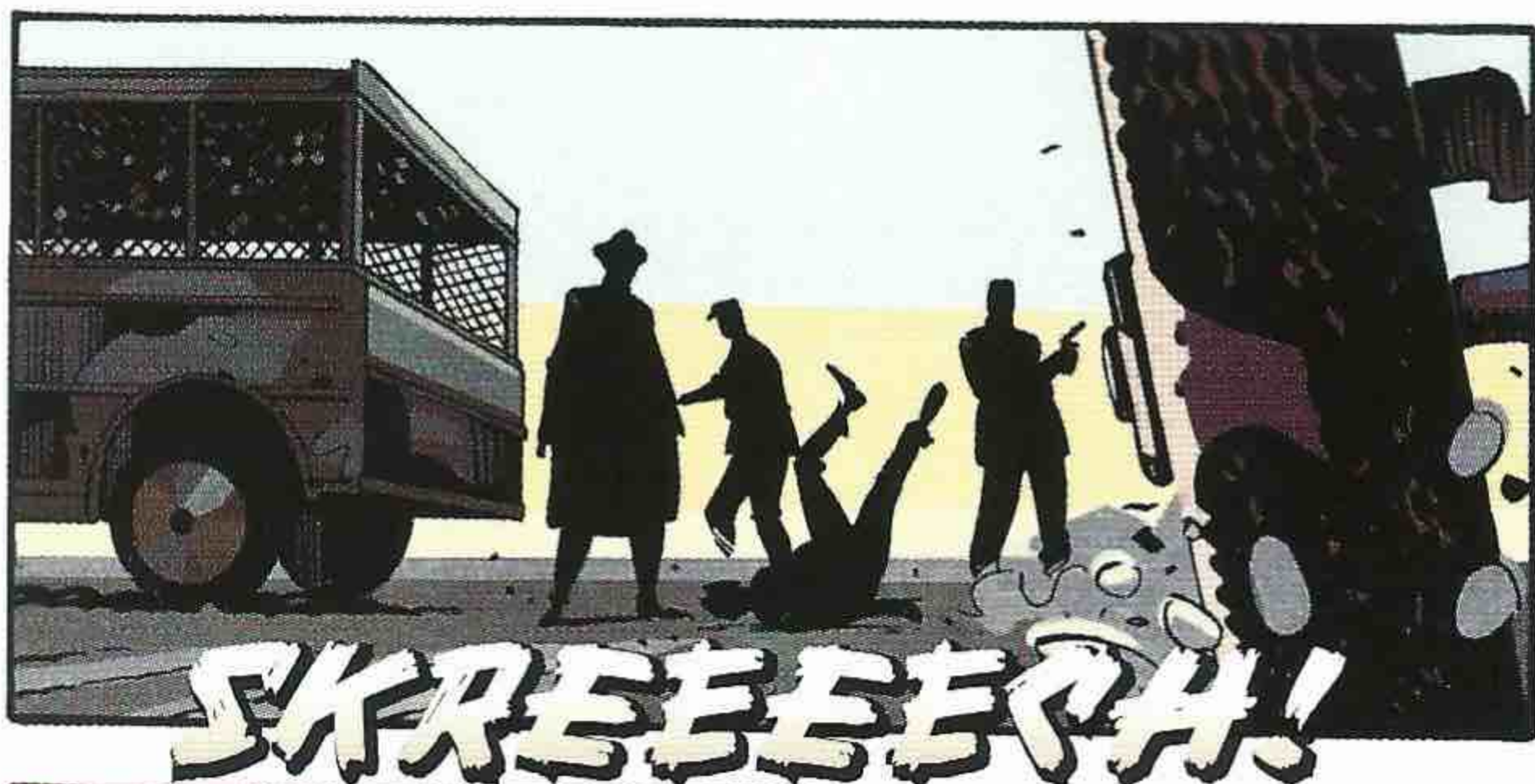
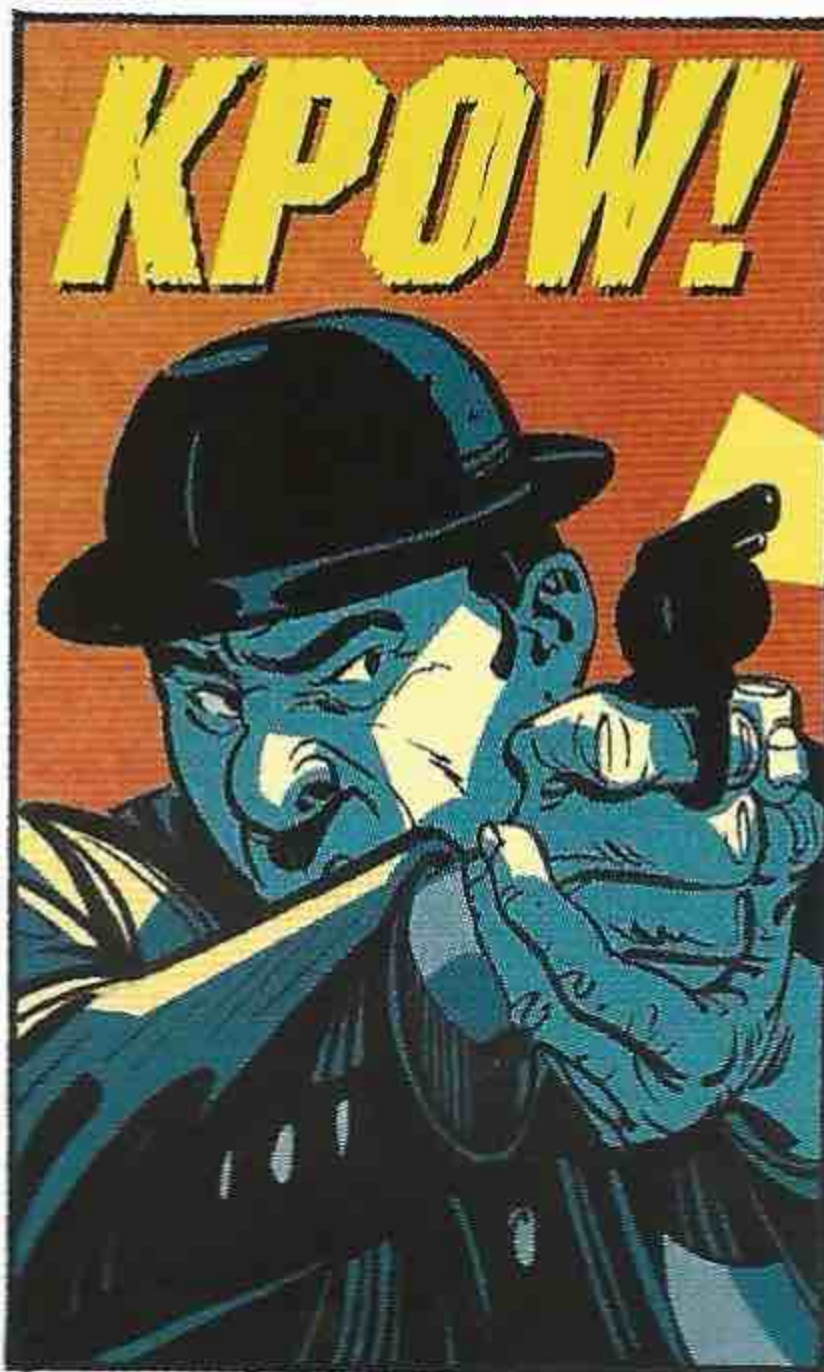
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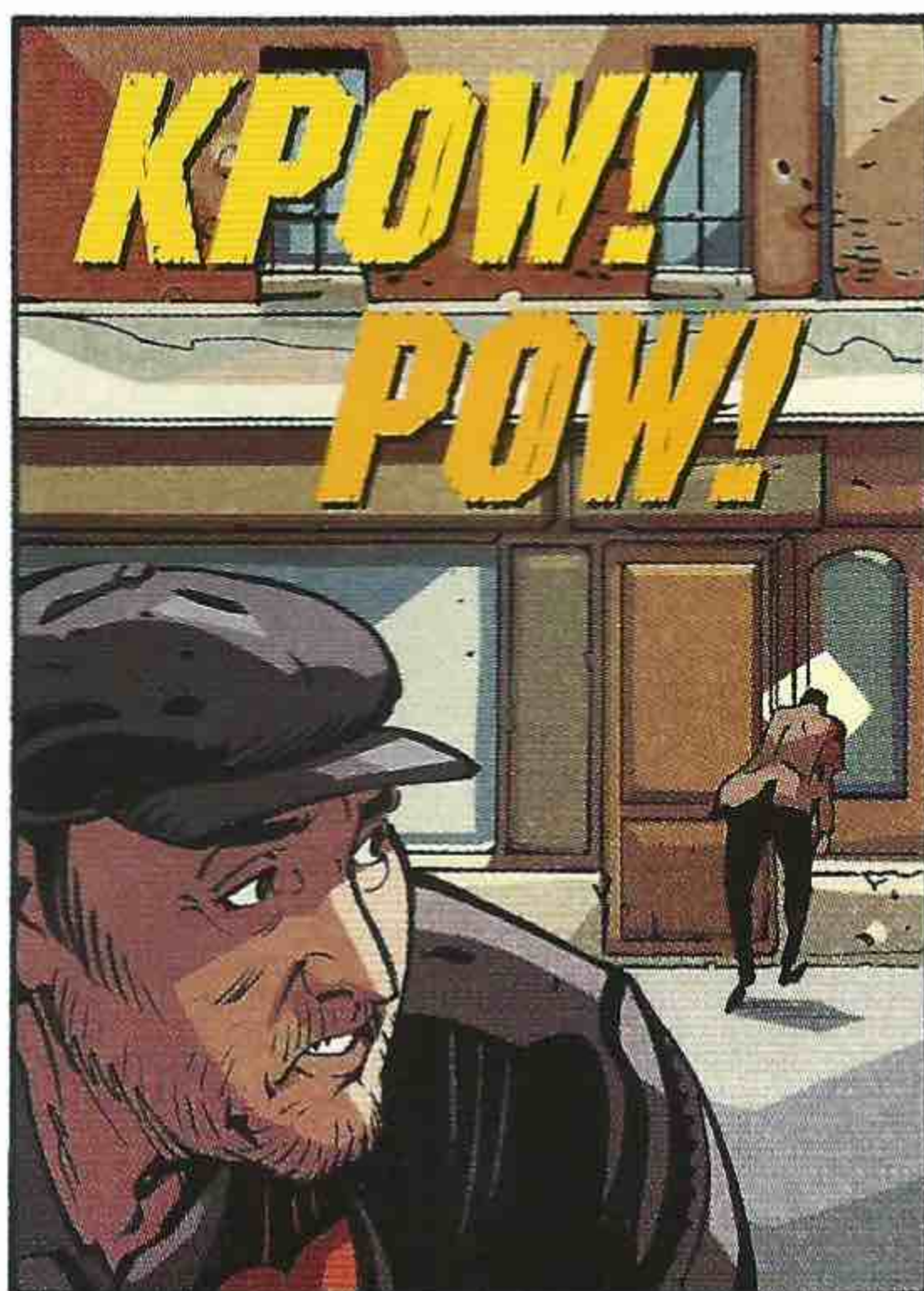
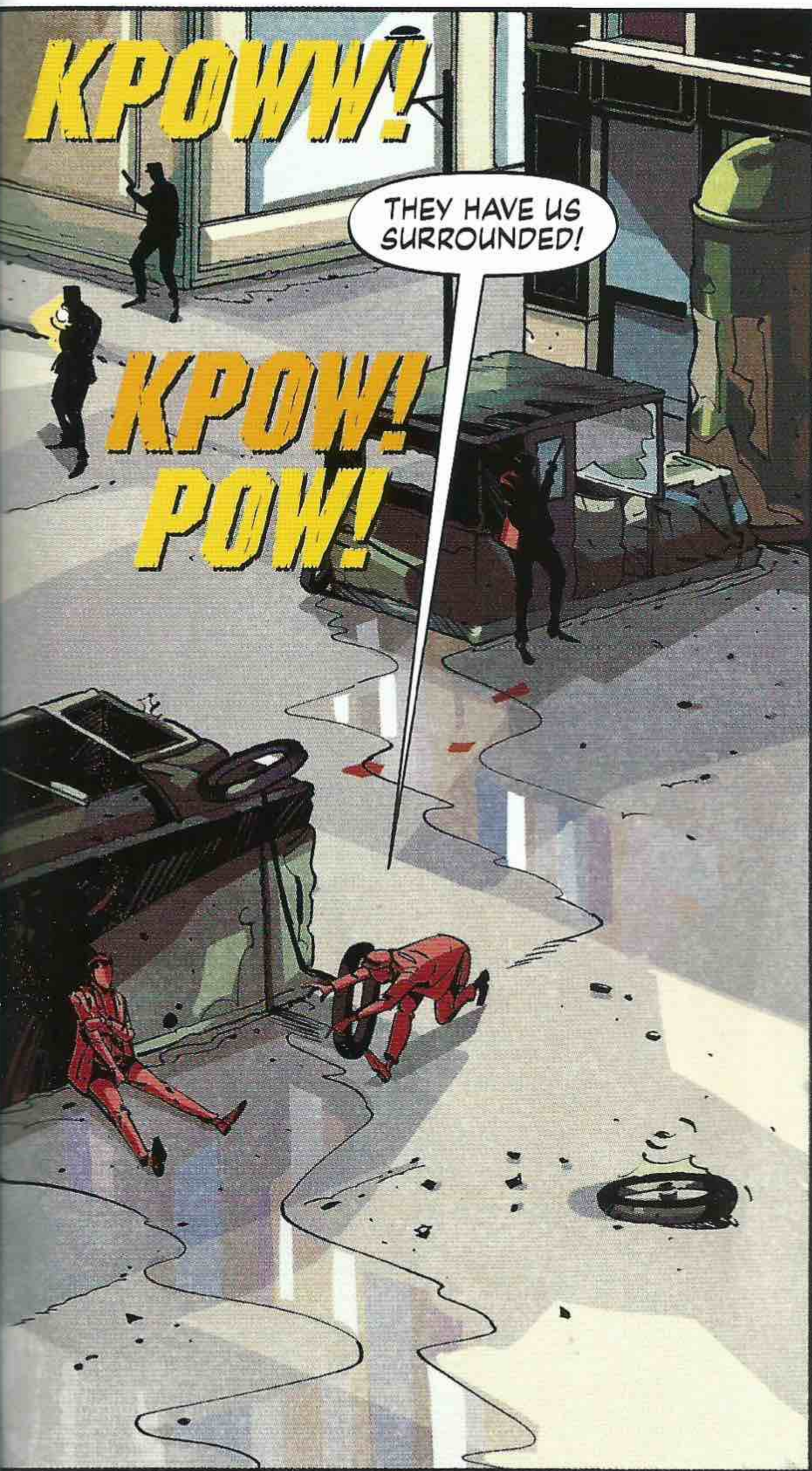
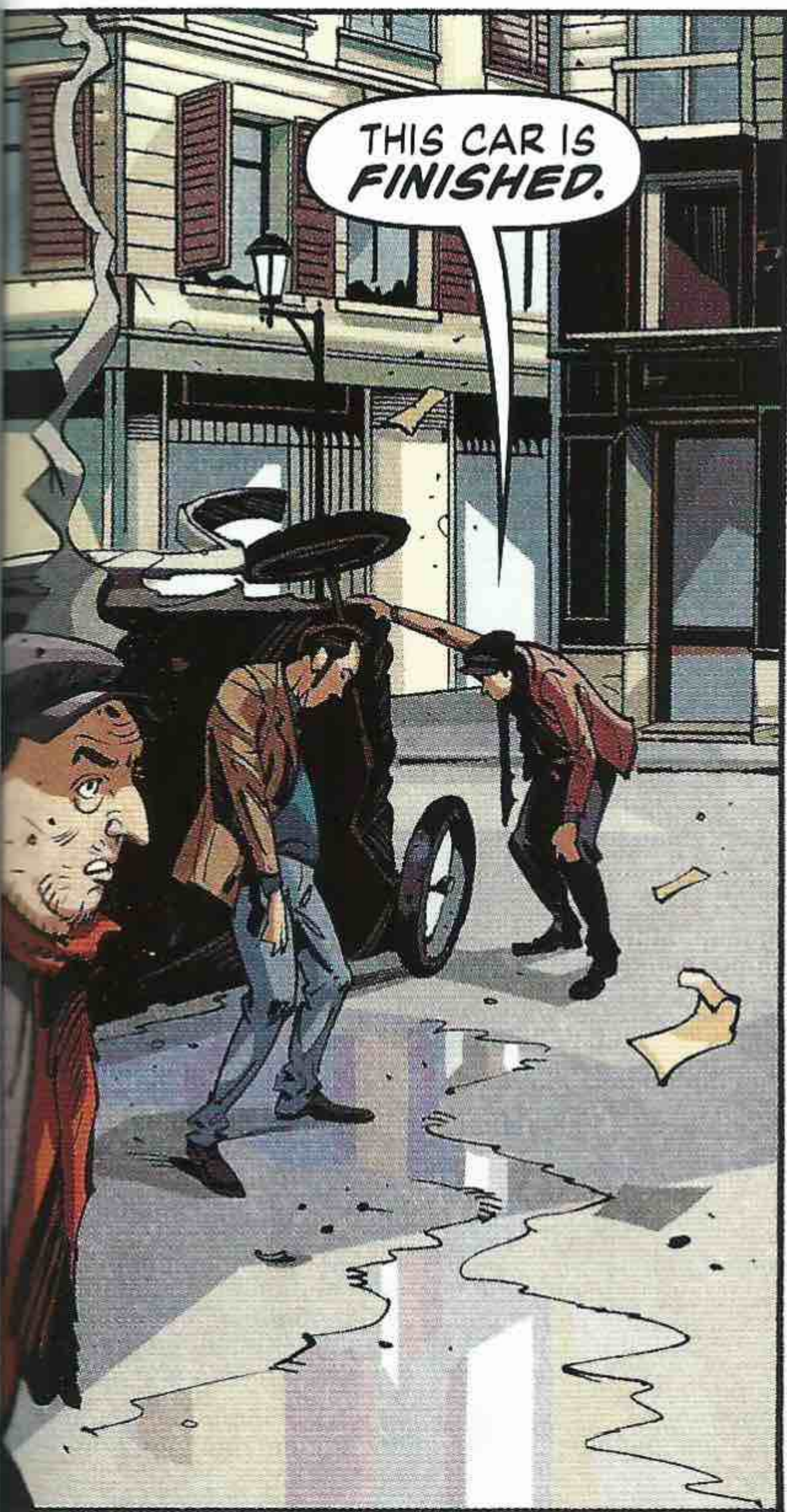
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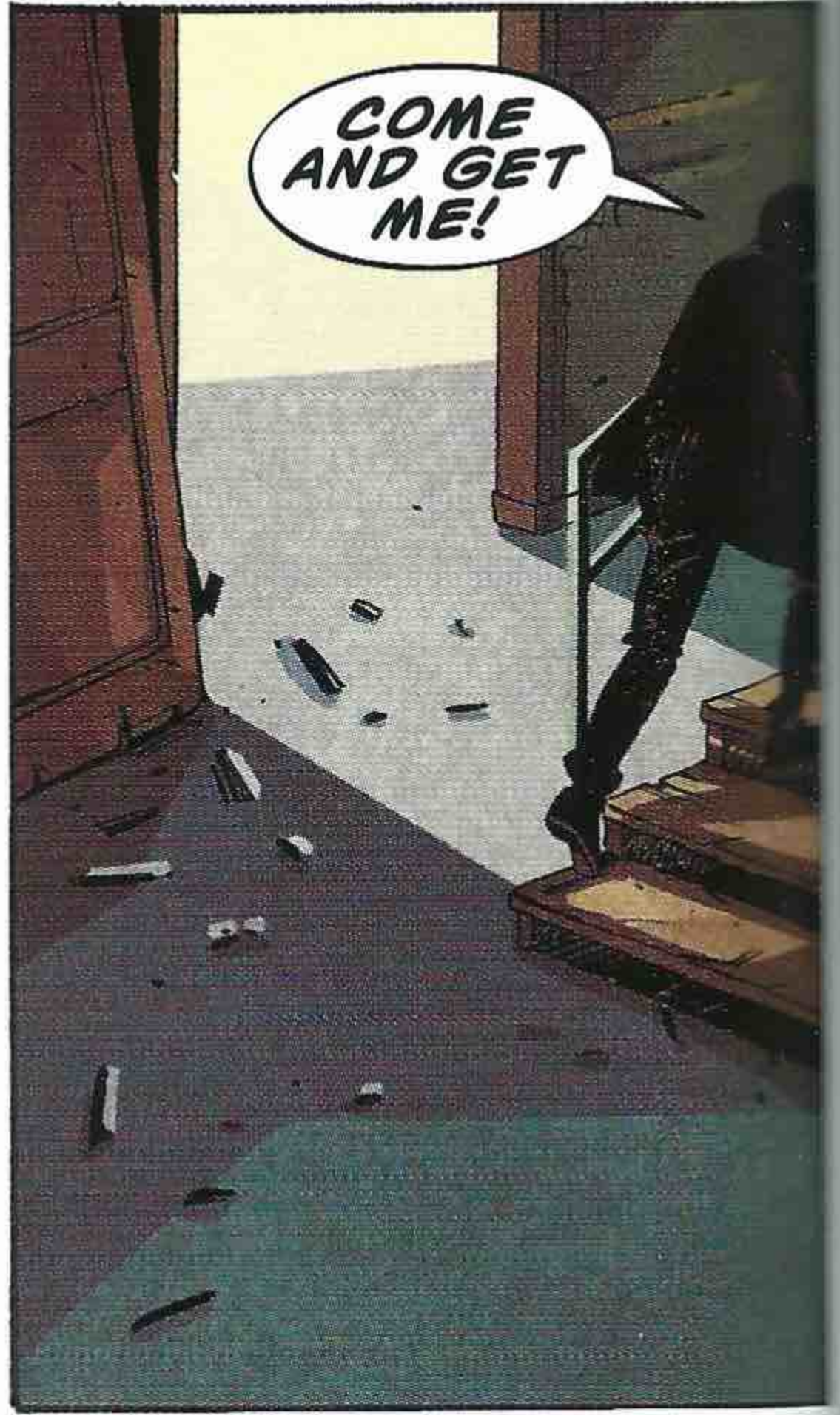
...WE WILL
MAKE **HISTORY**,
MEN.



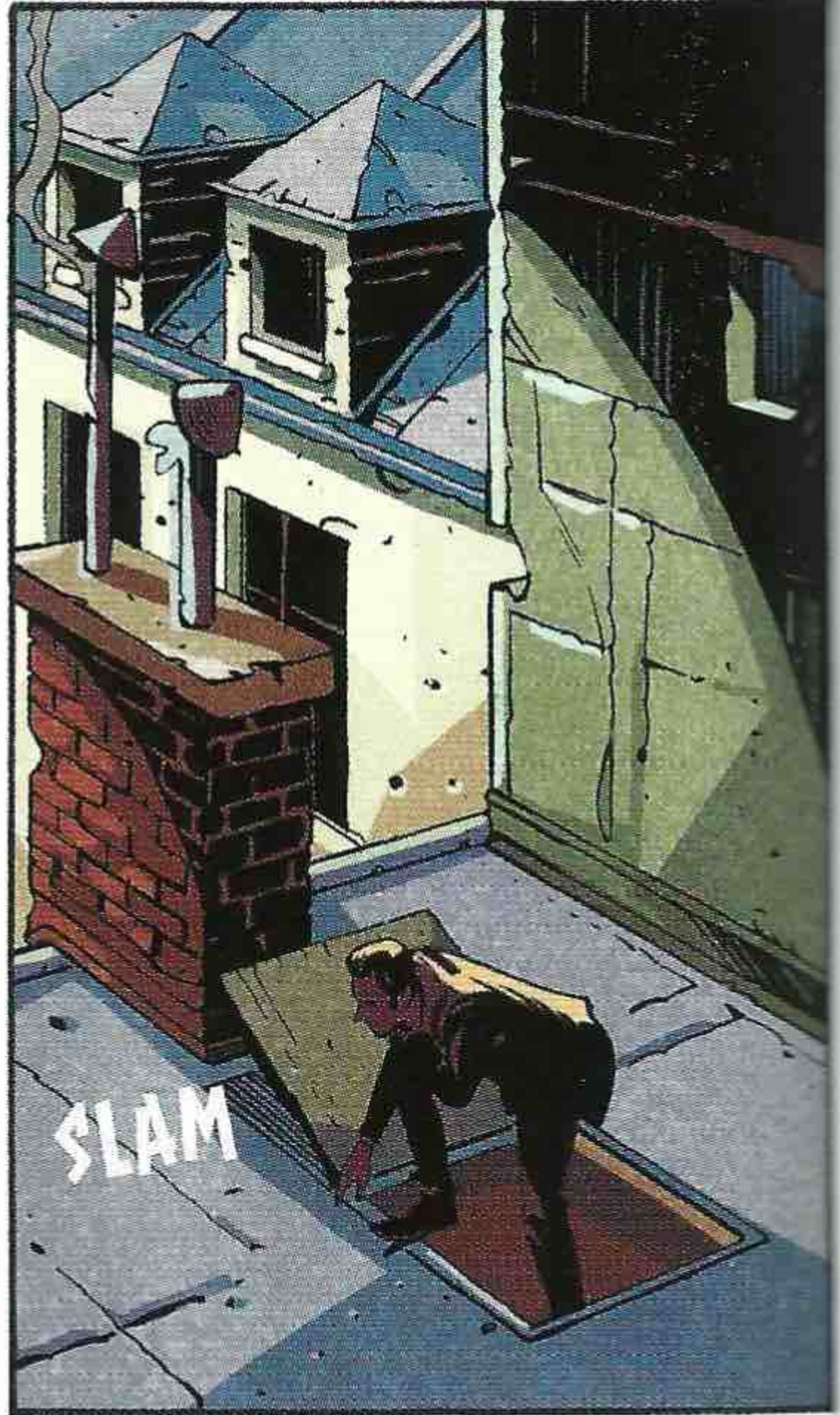




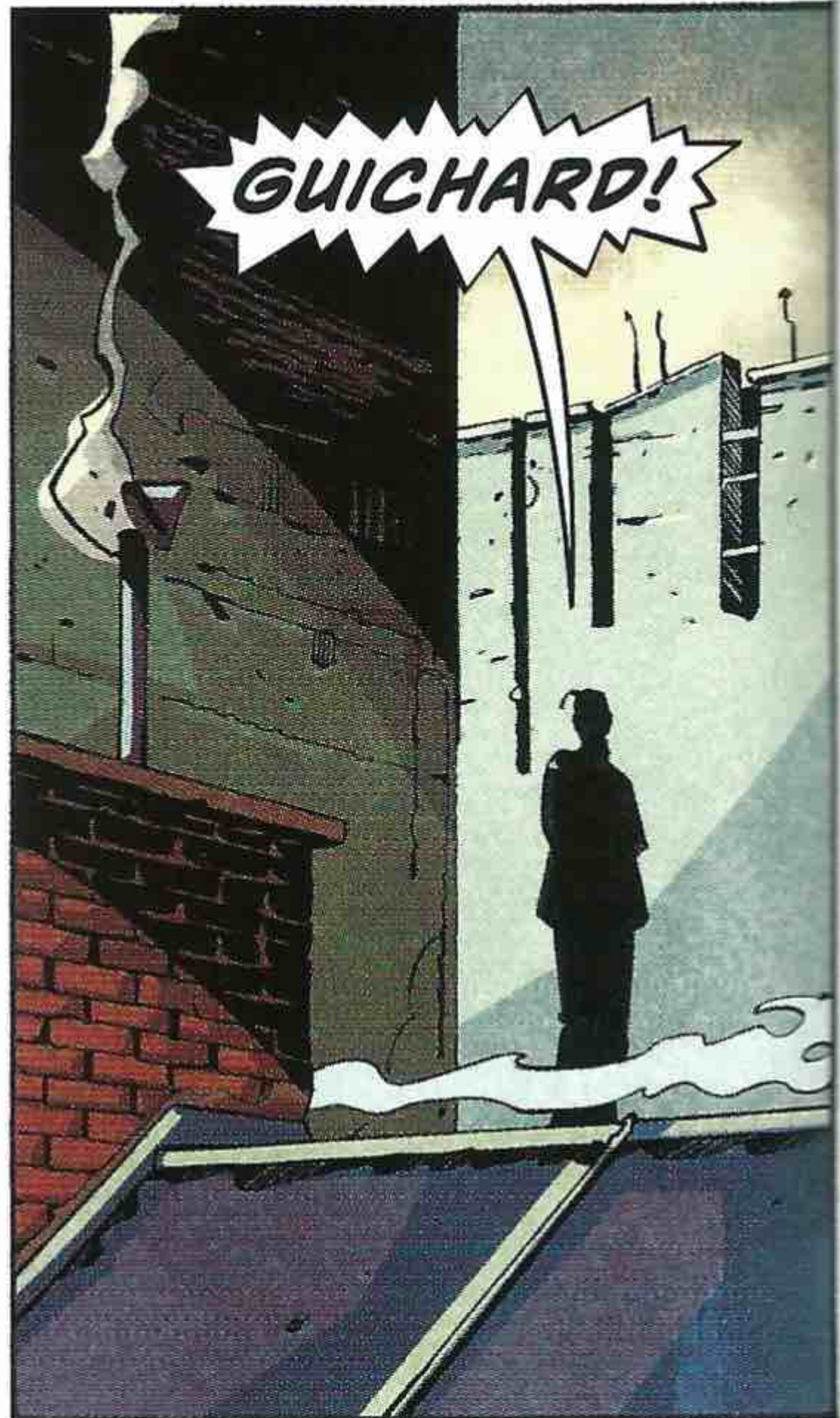


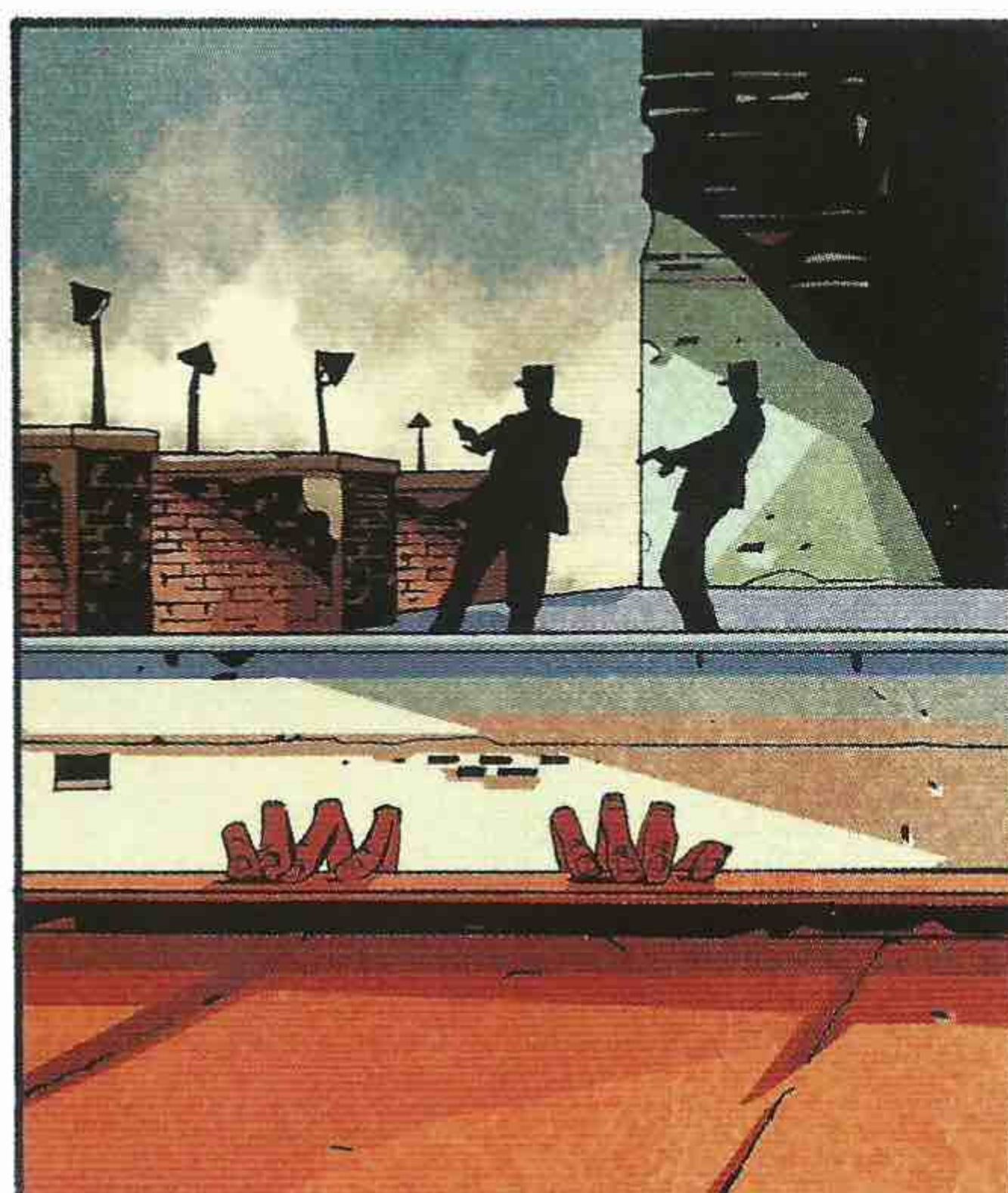
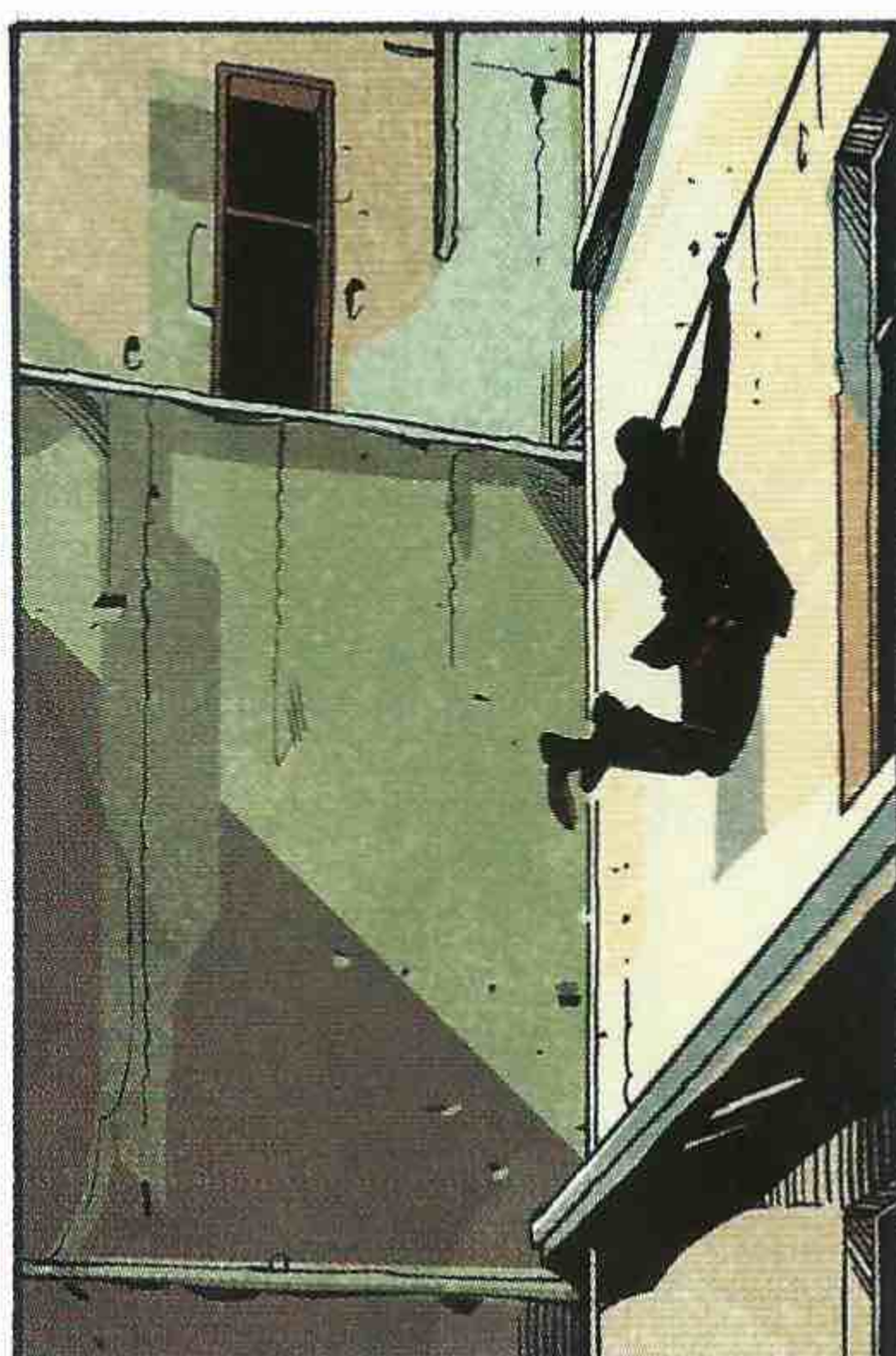
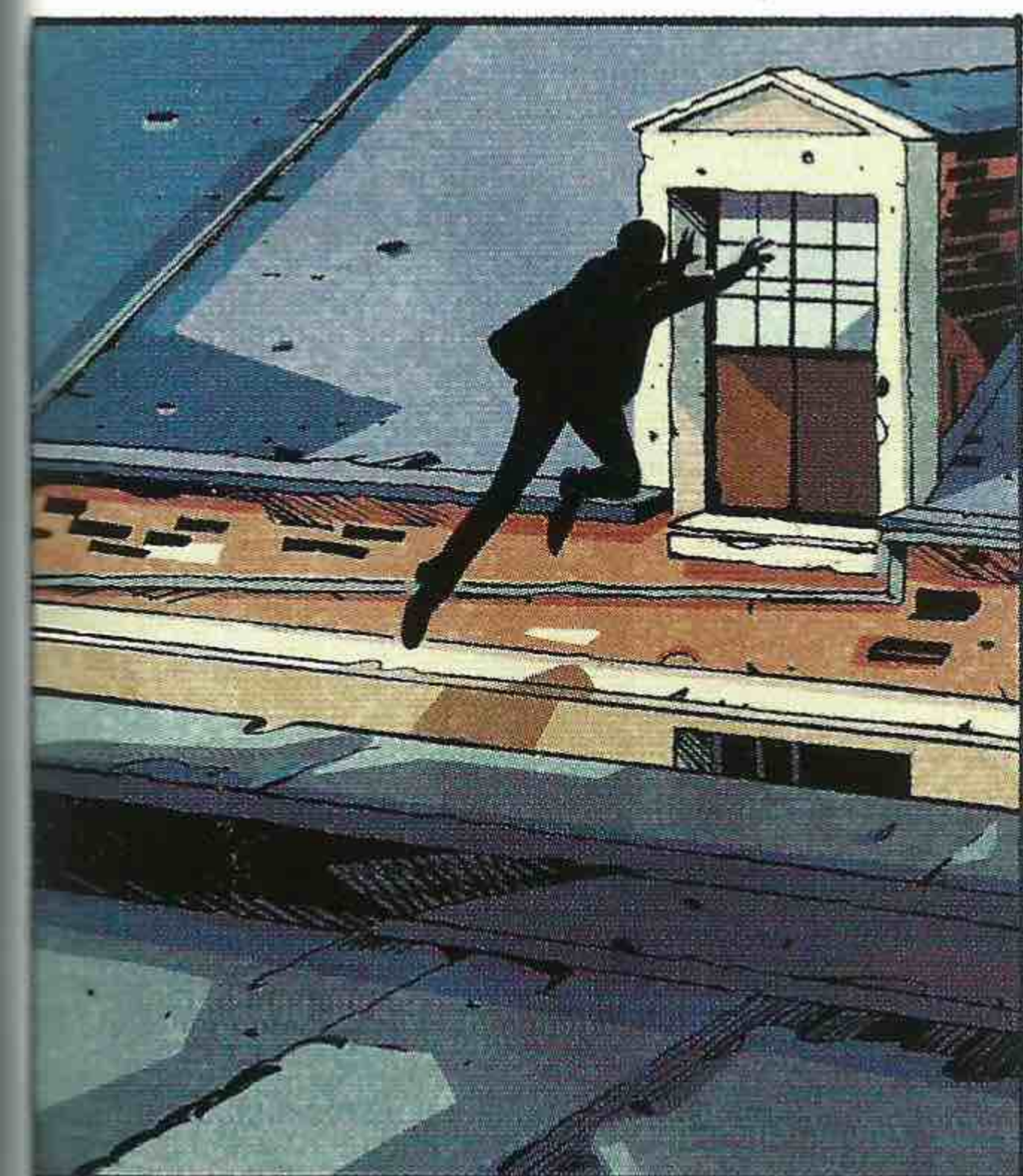
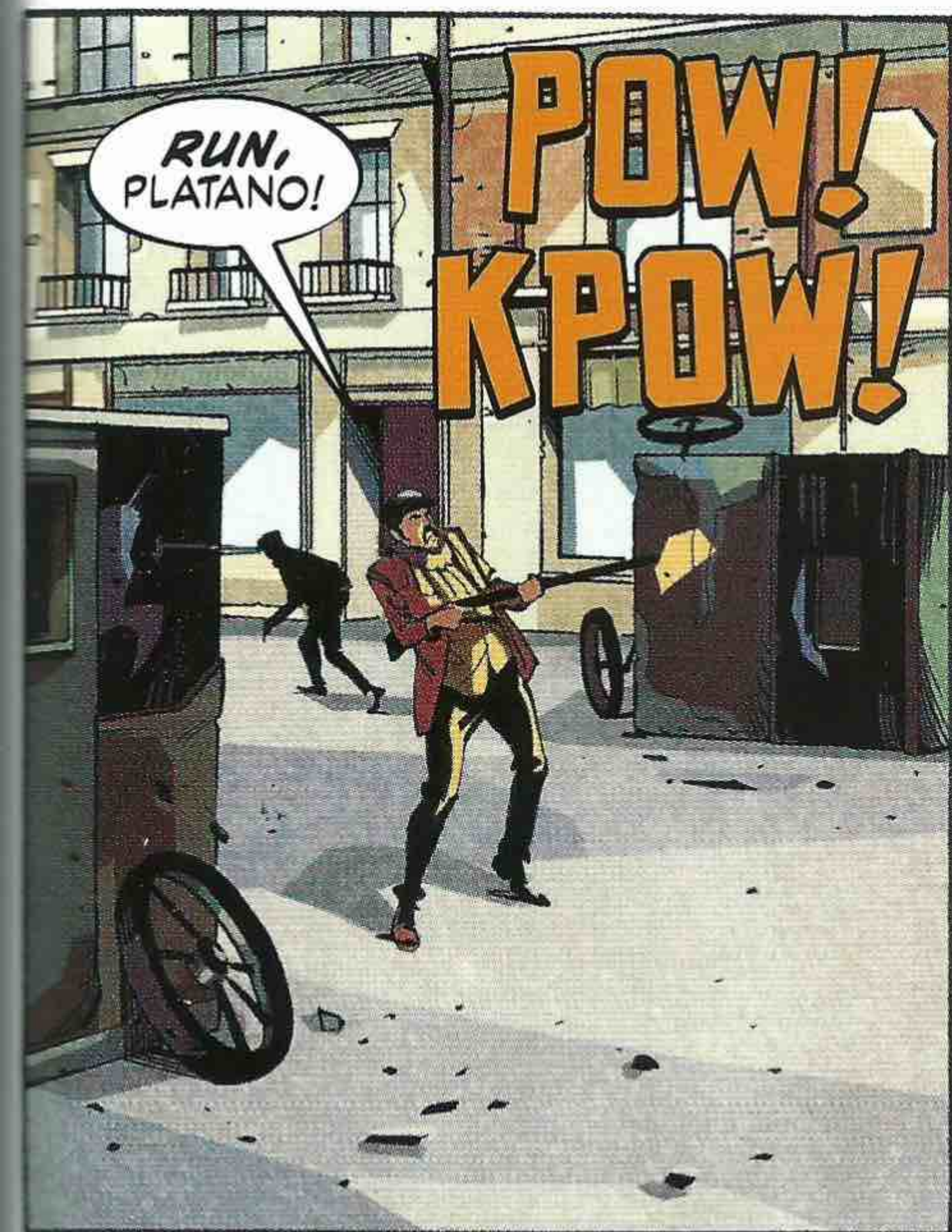


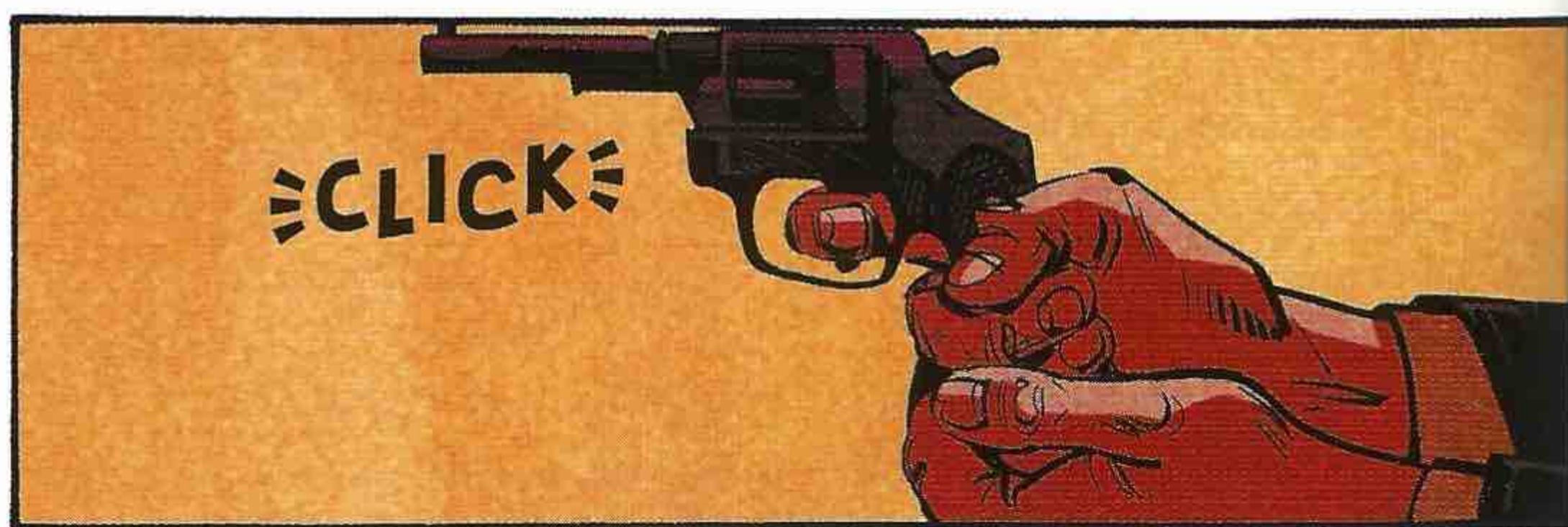
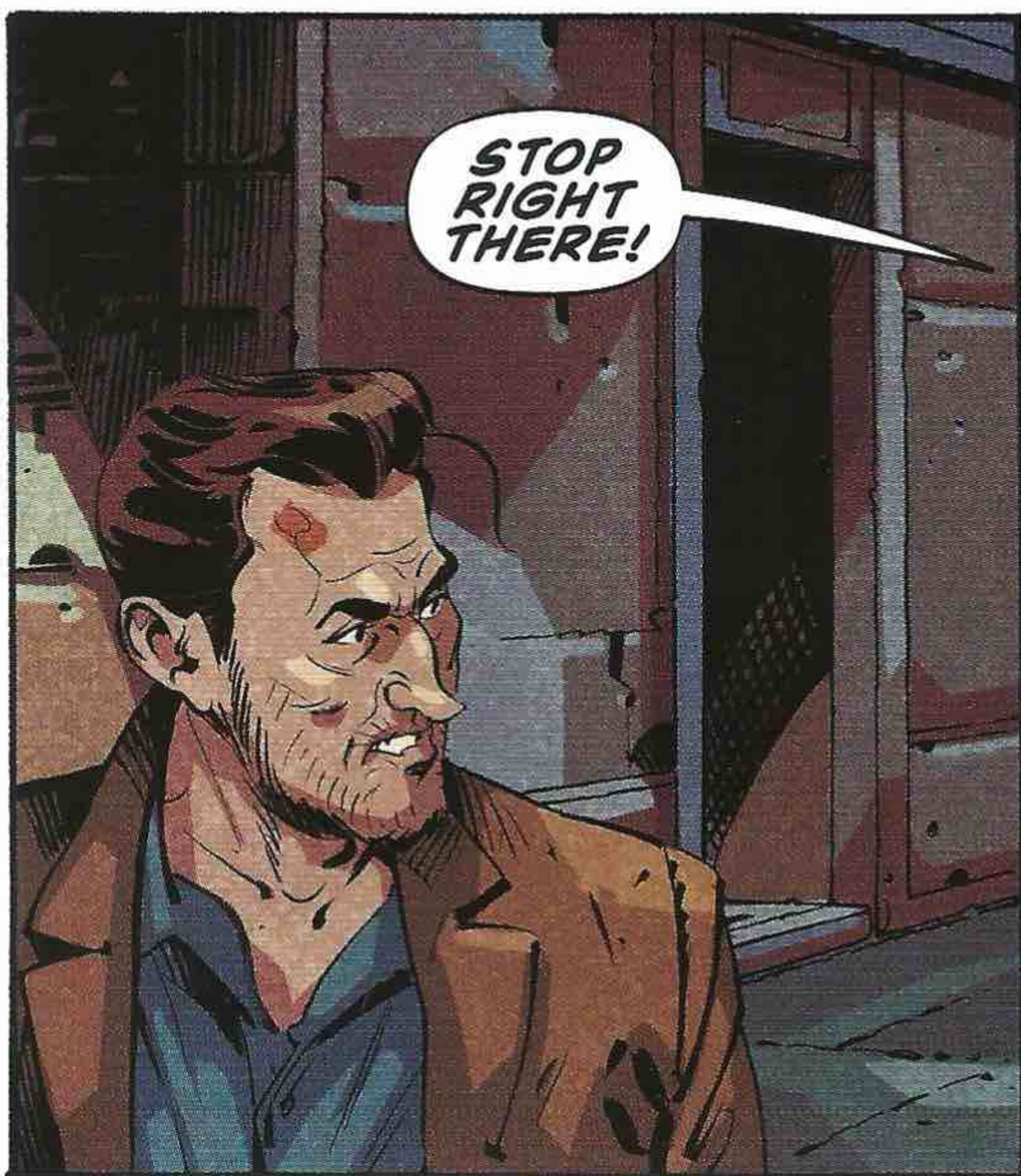
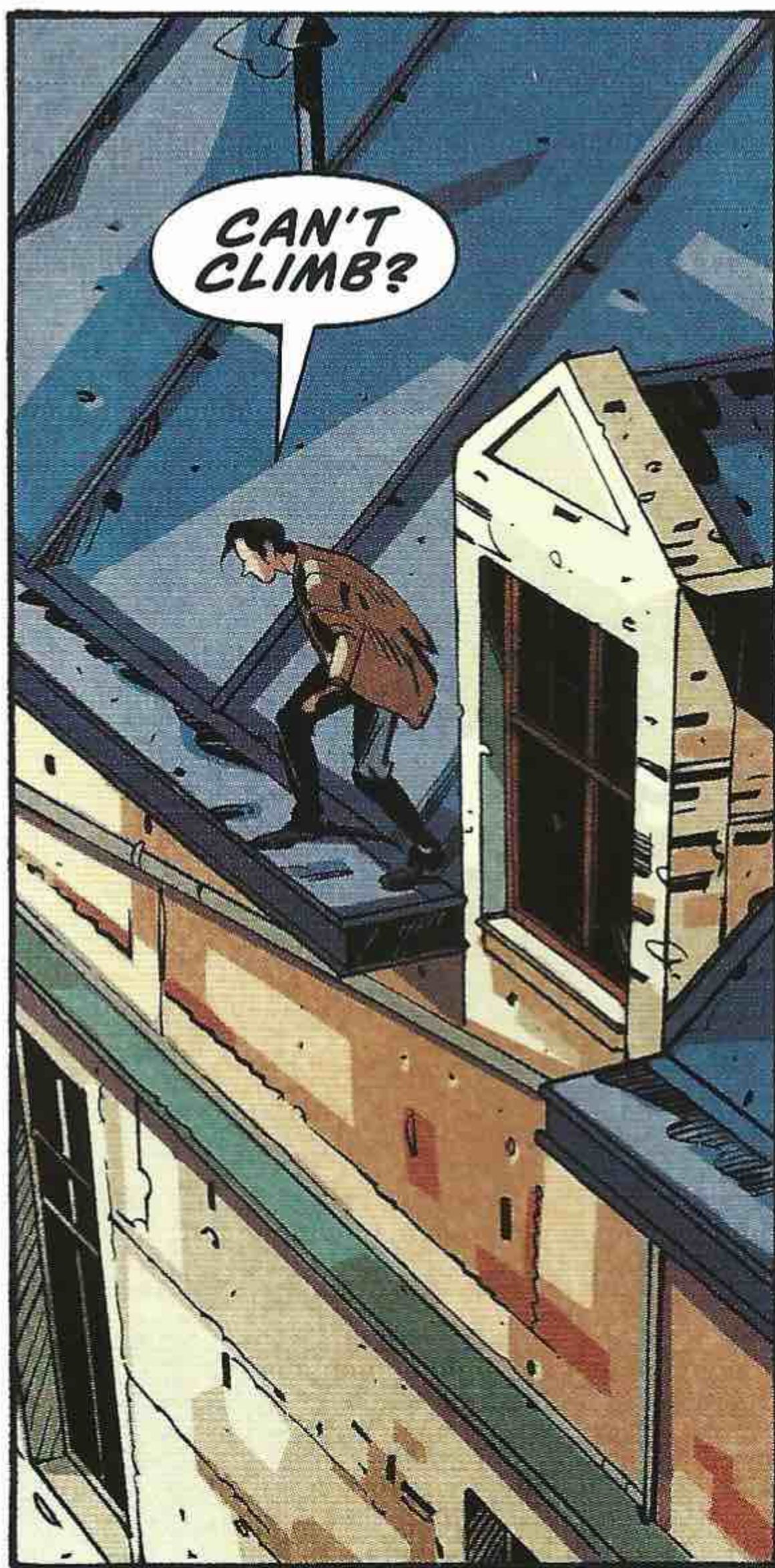
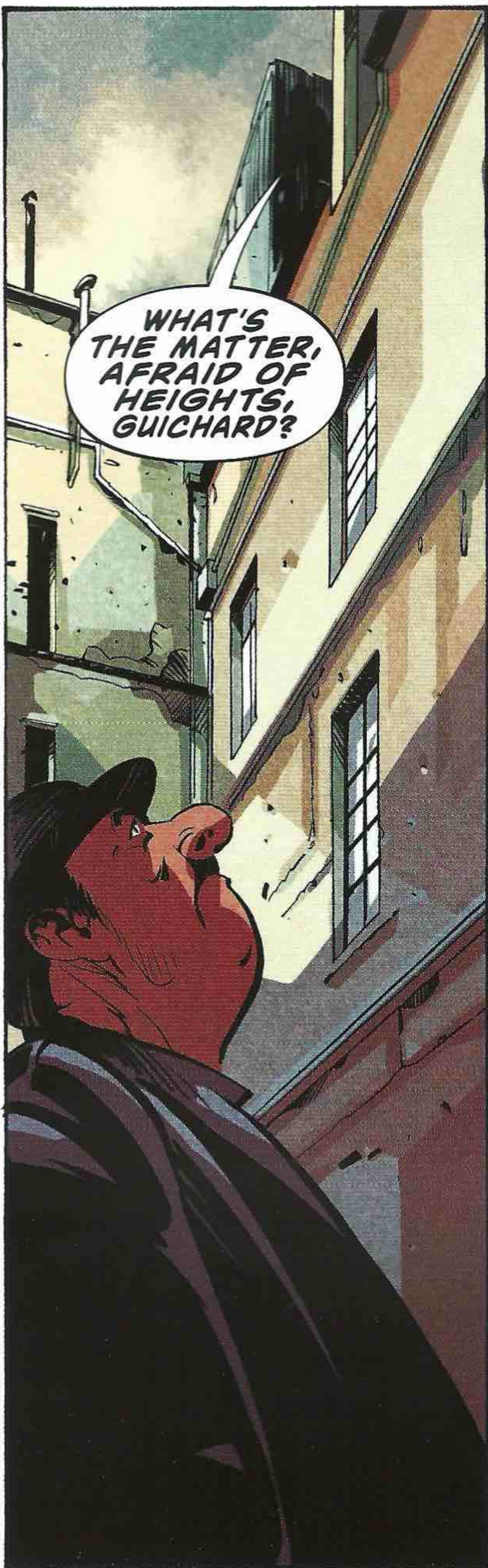
CAN'T DO IT, PLATANO. I'M DONE!

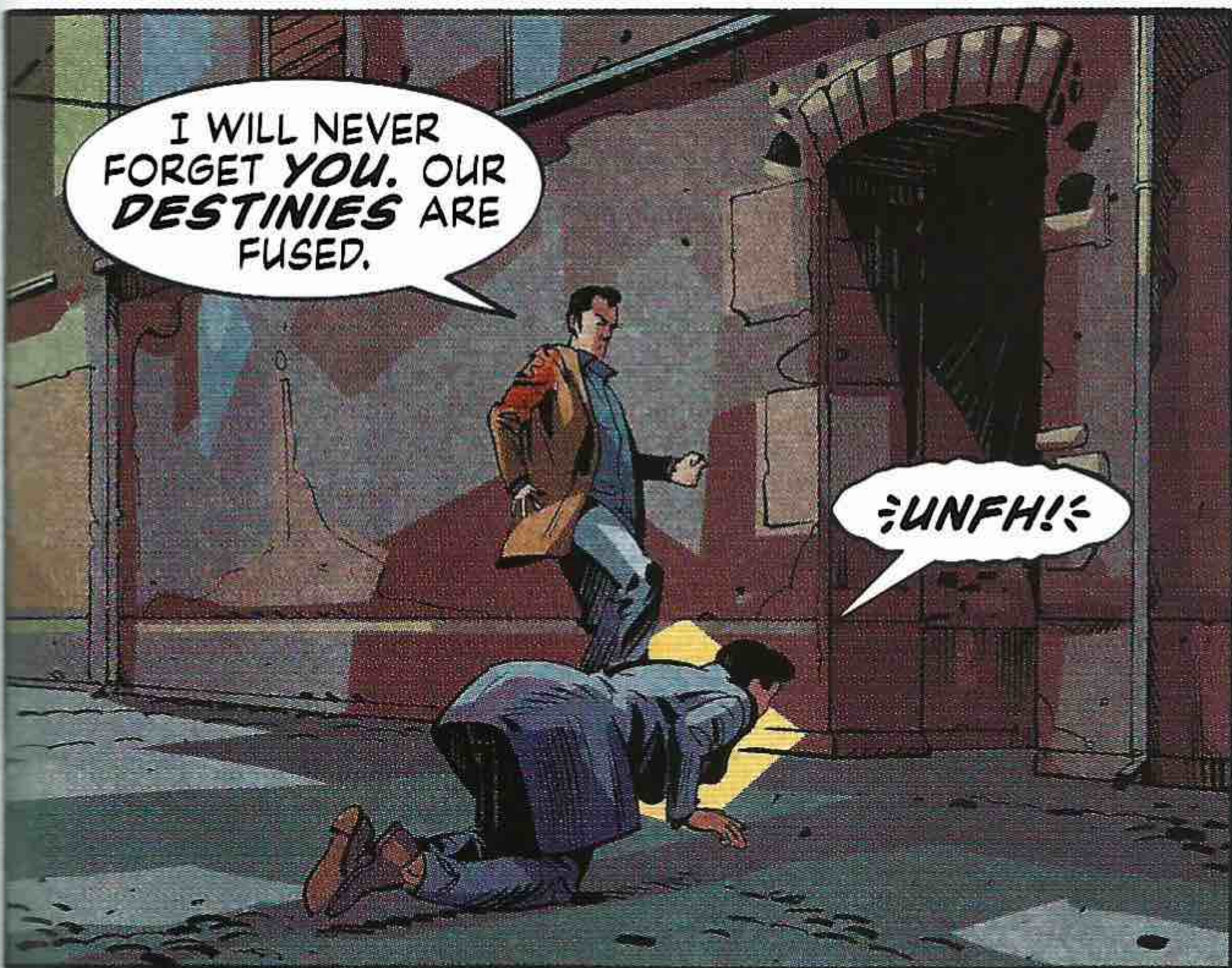
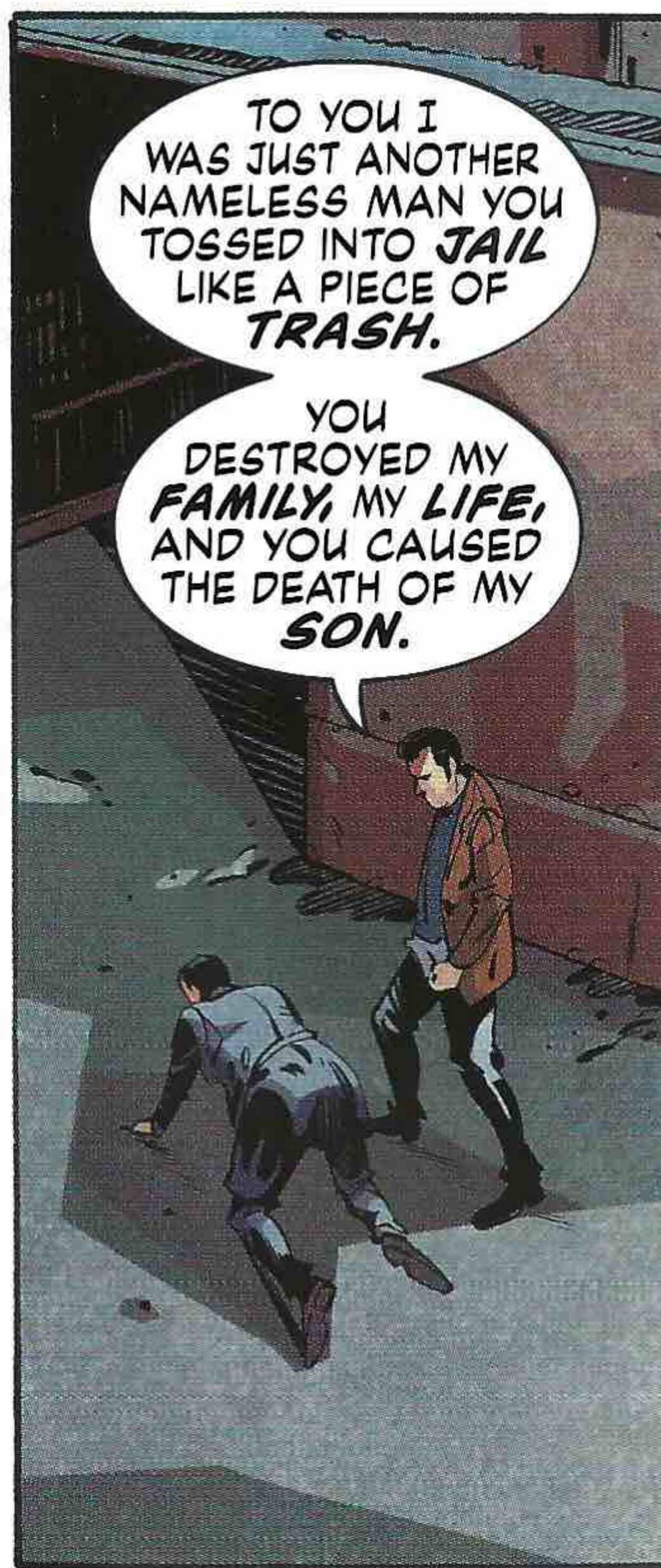
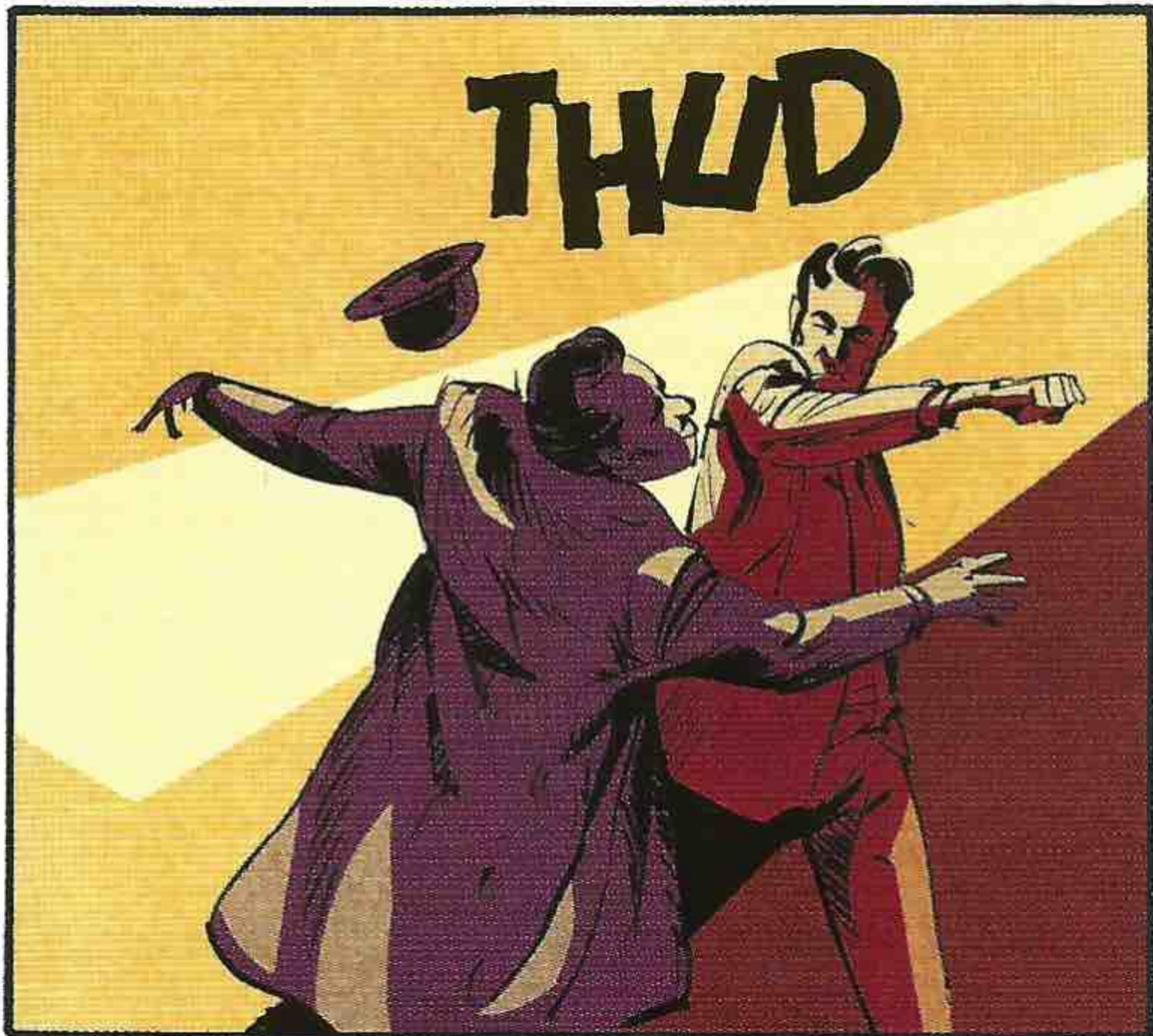


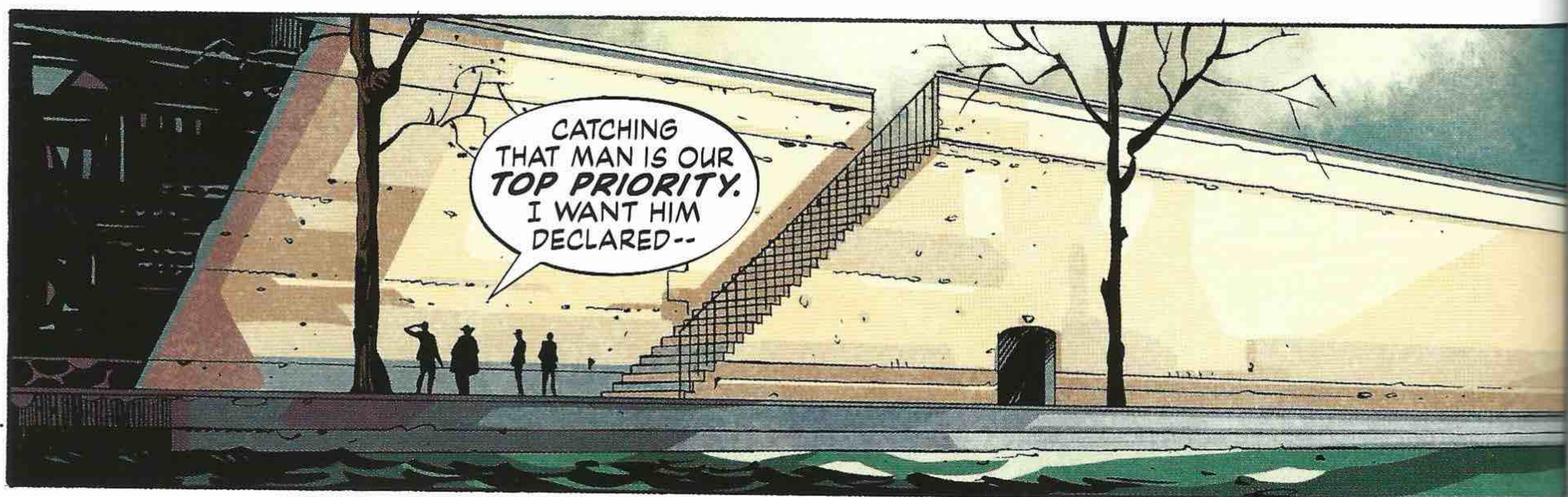
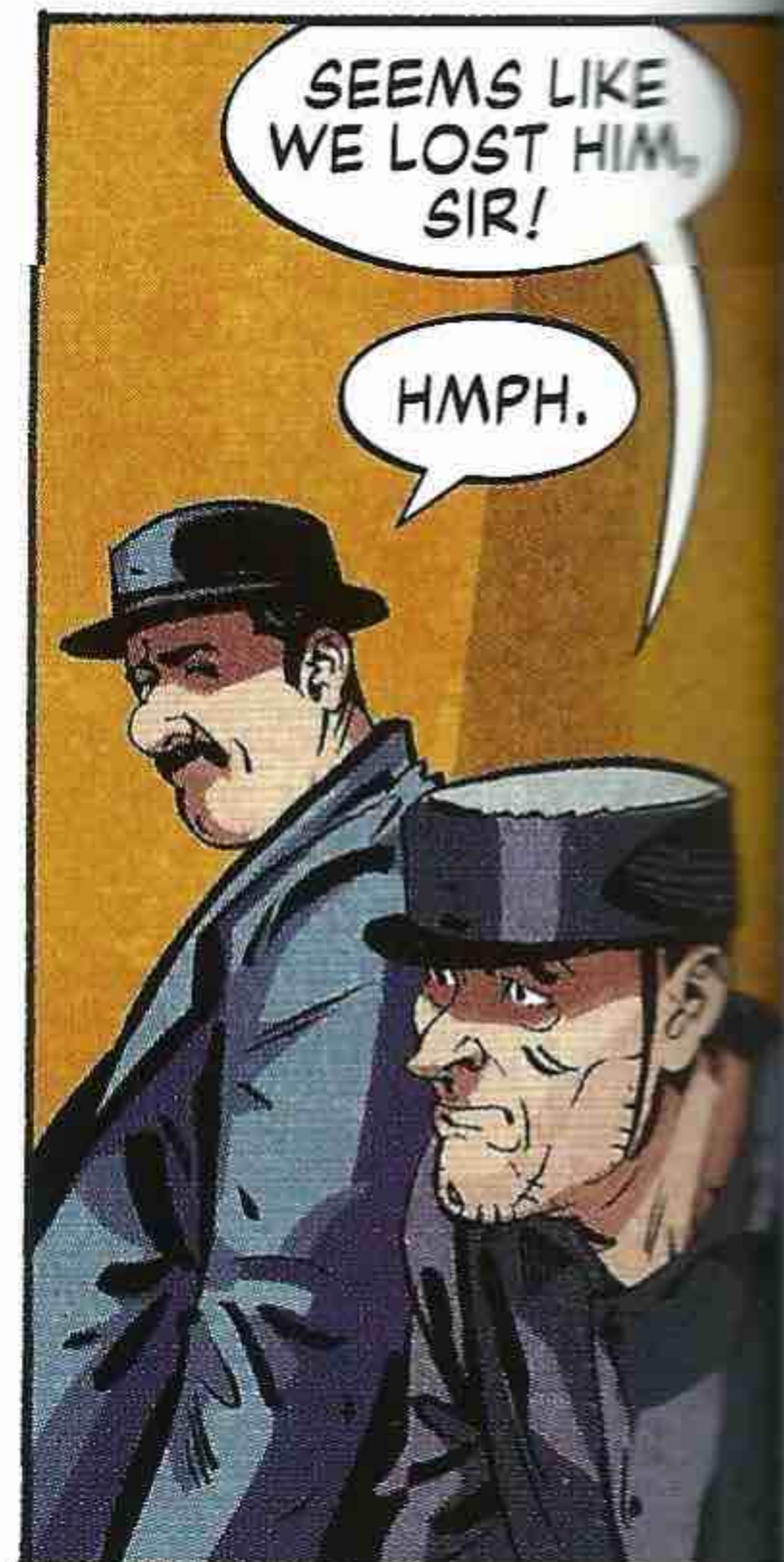
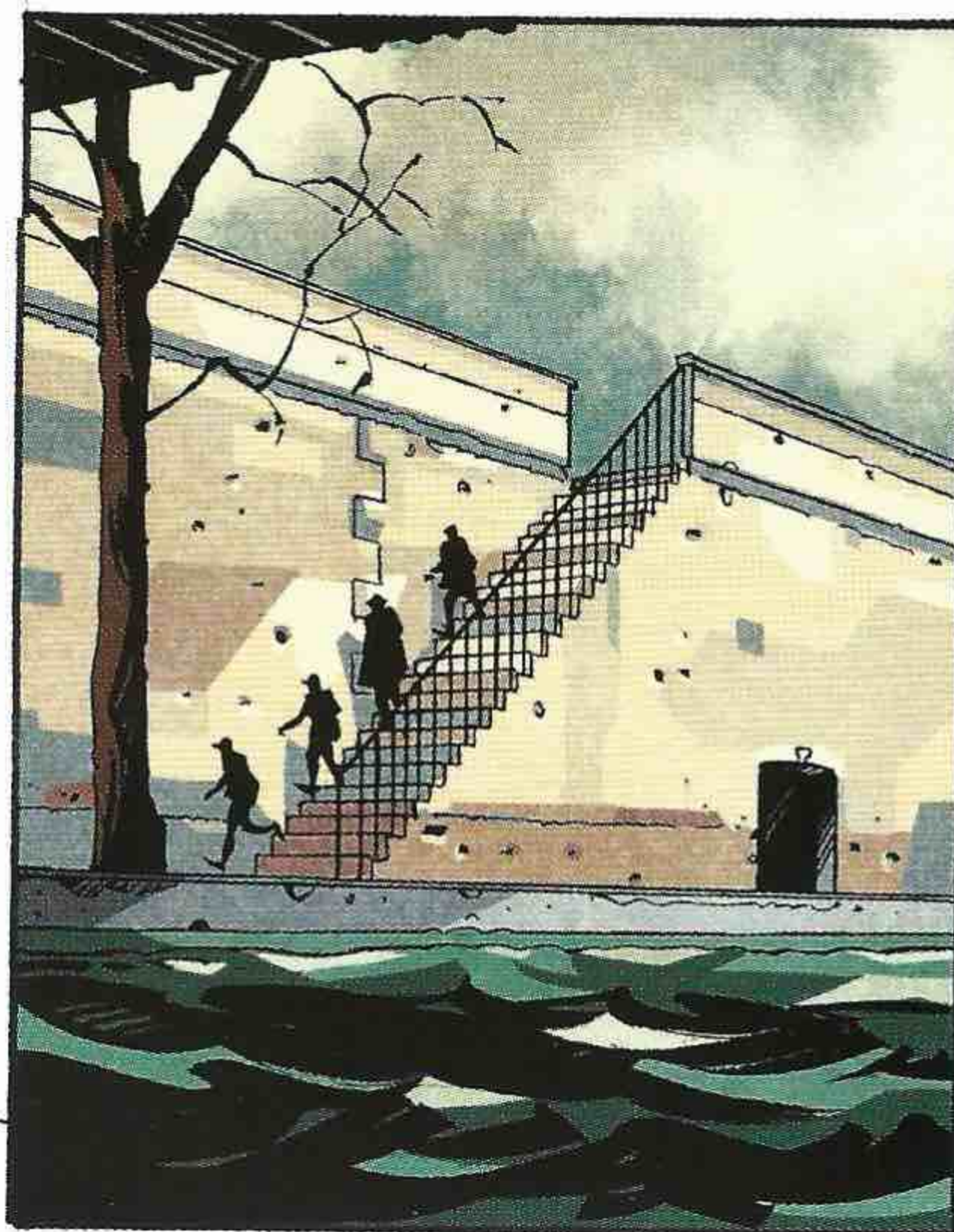
TO THE END, MY FRIEND!

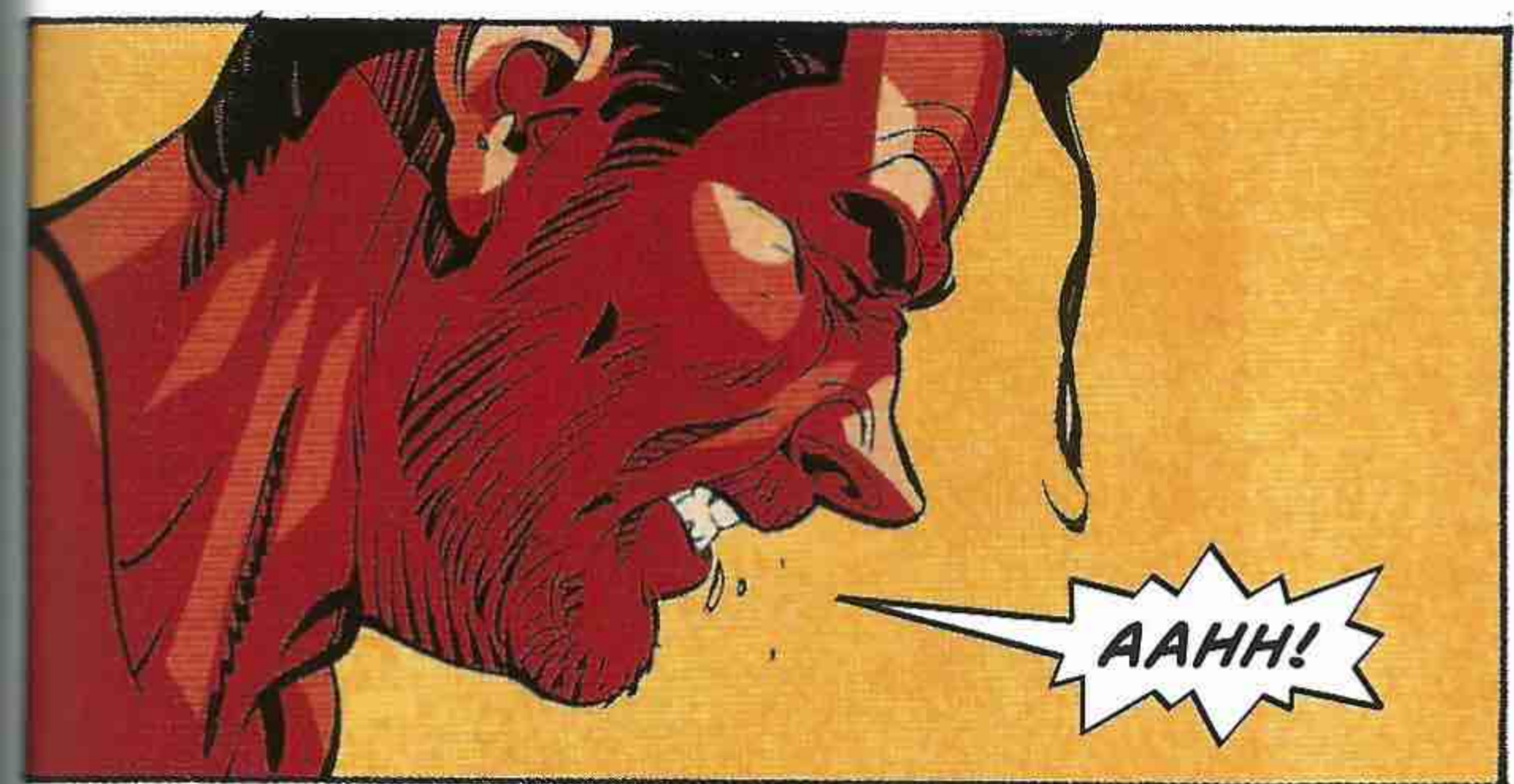












AAHH!



DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOT DEEP.



WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

RENE AND OCTAVE ARE DEAD! I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE REST. IT WAS **CHAOTIC**.



!GASP!<

KNOCK KNOCK



QUIET.

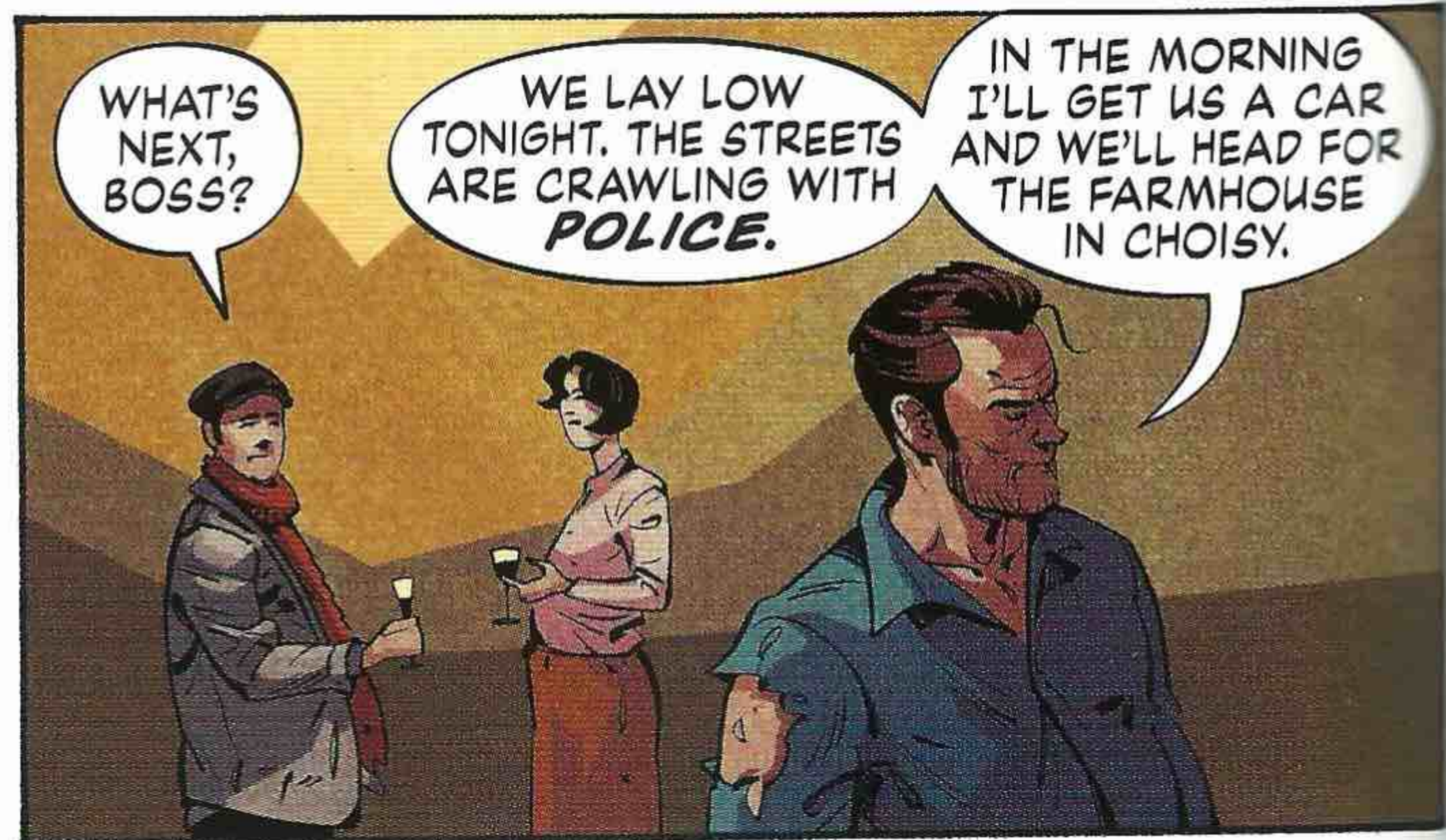
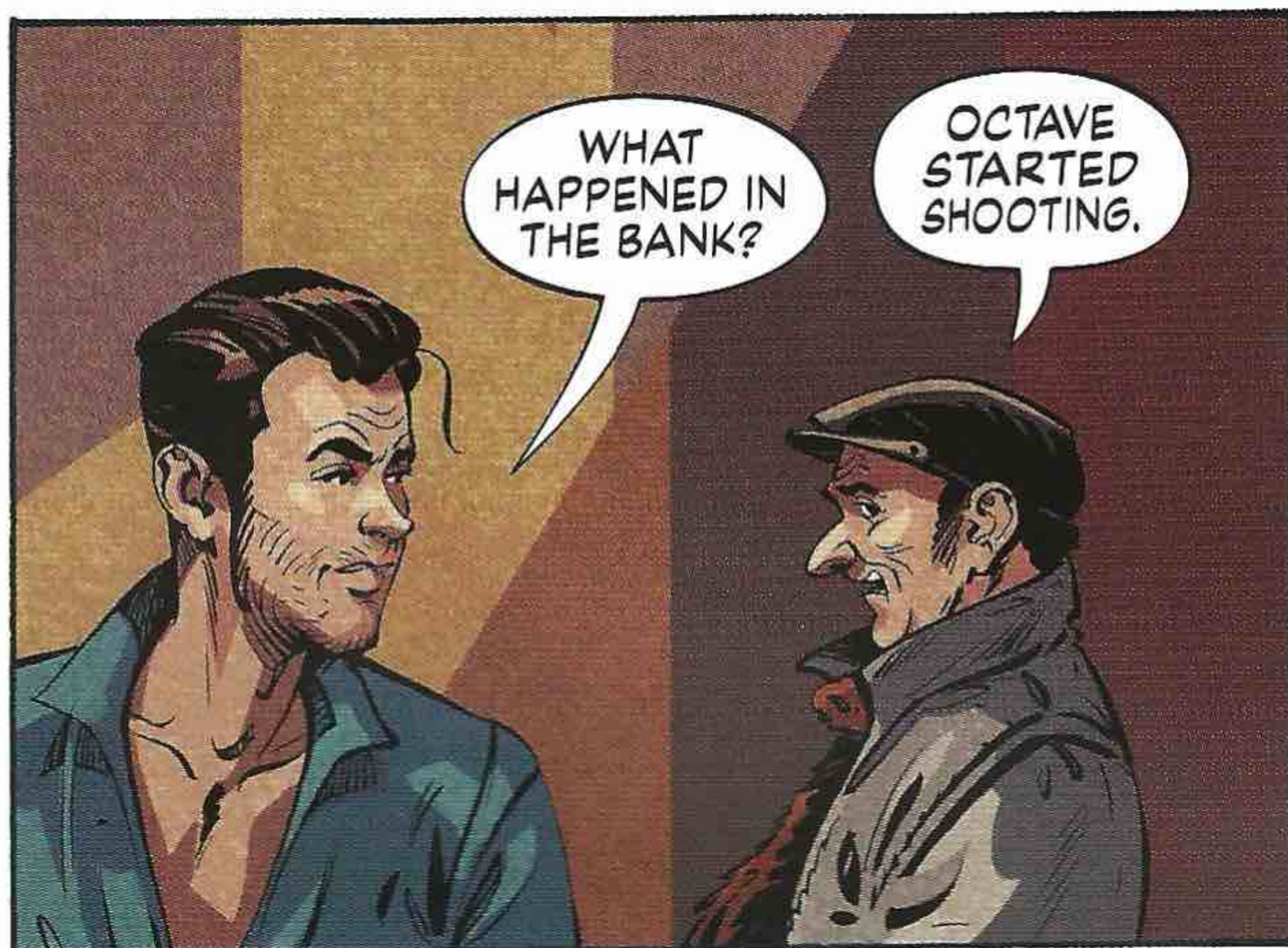
KNOCK KNOCK

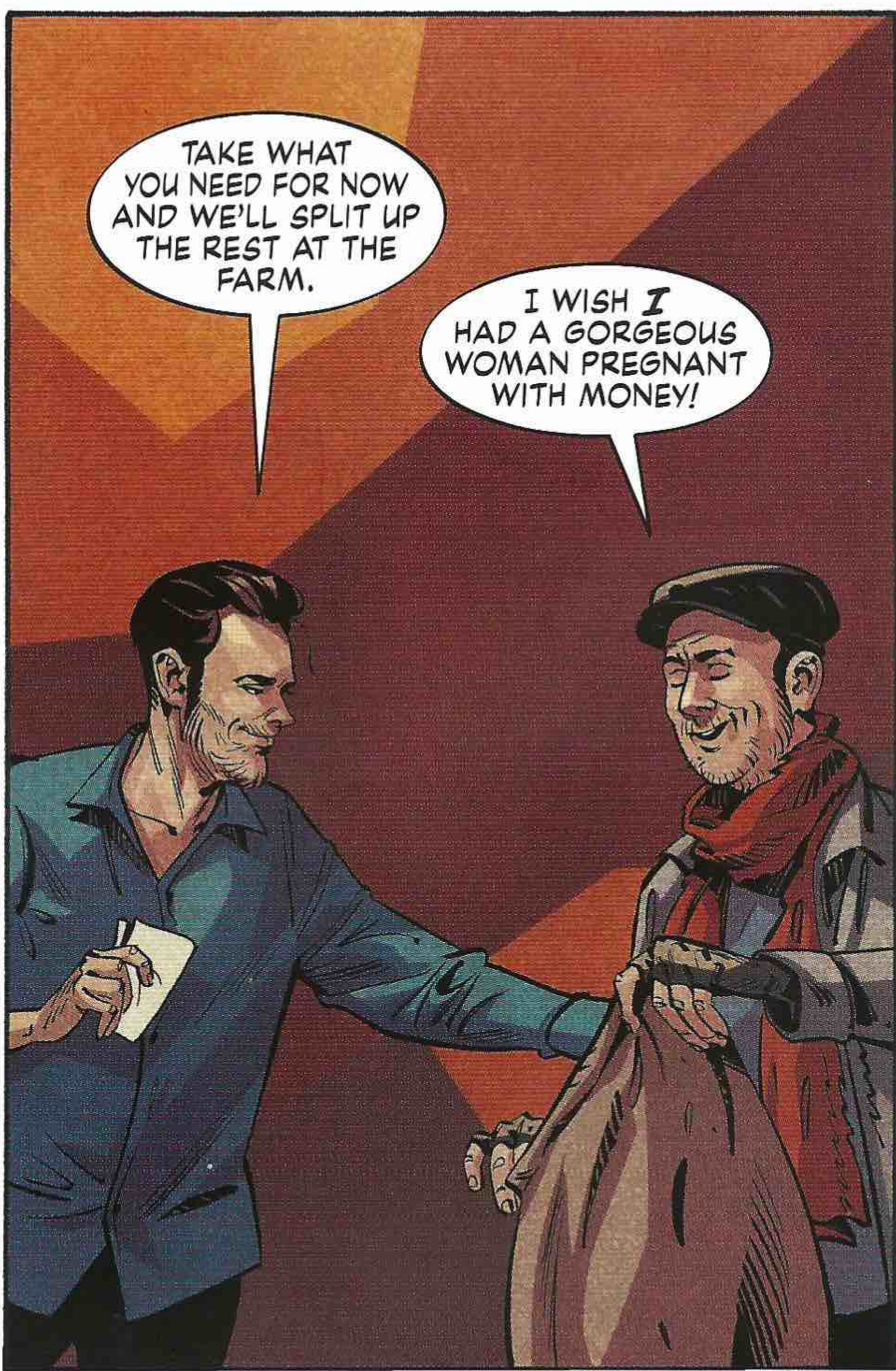
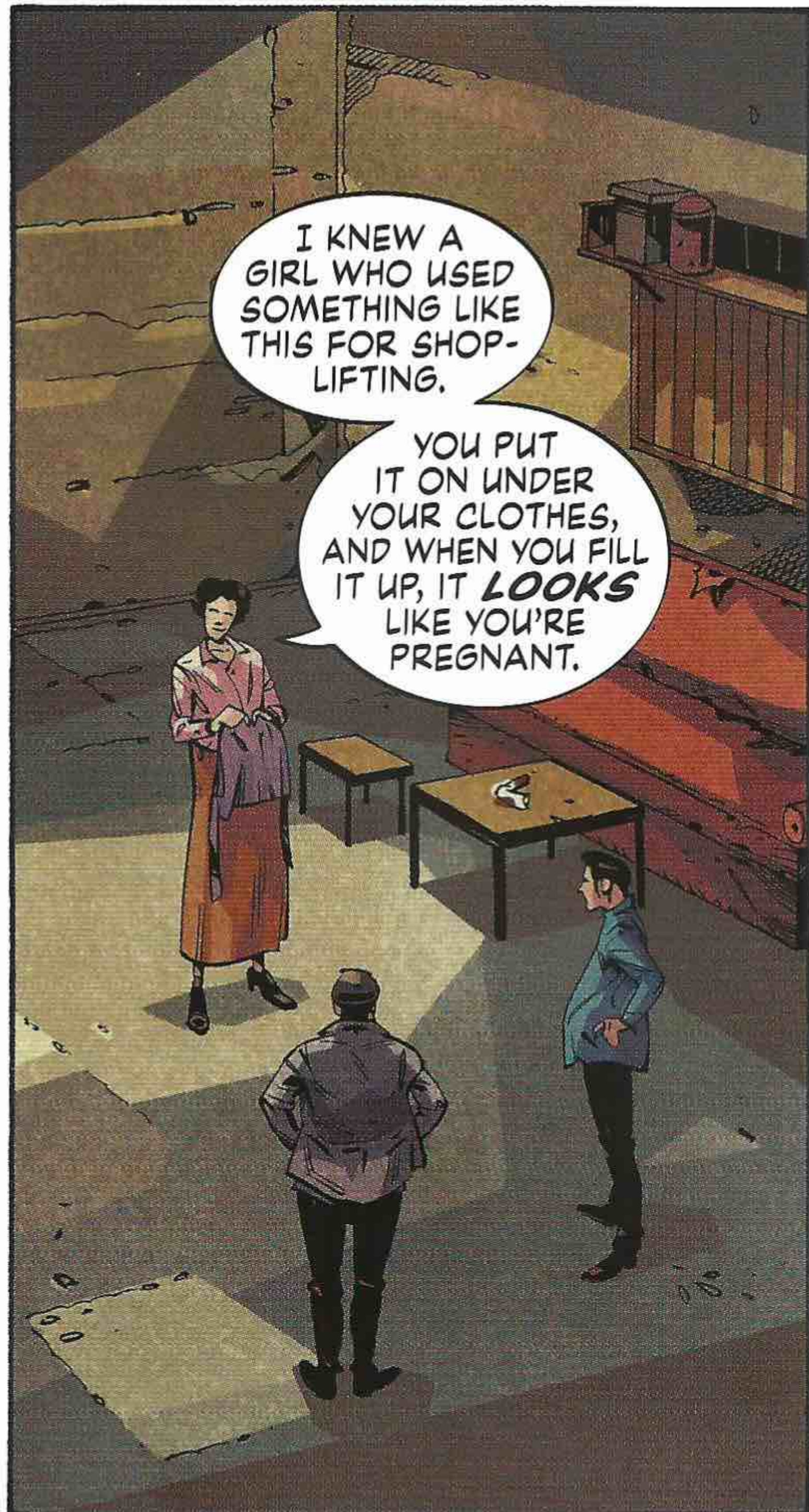
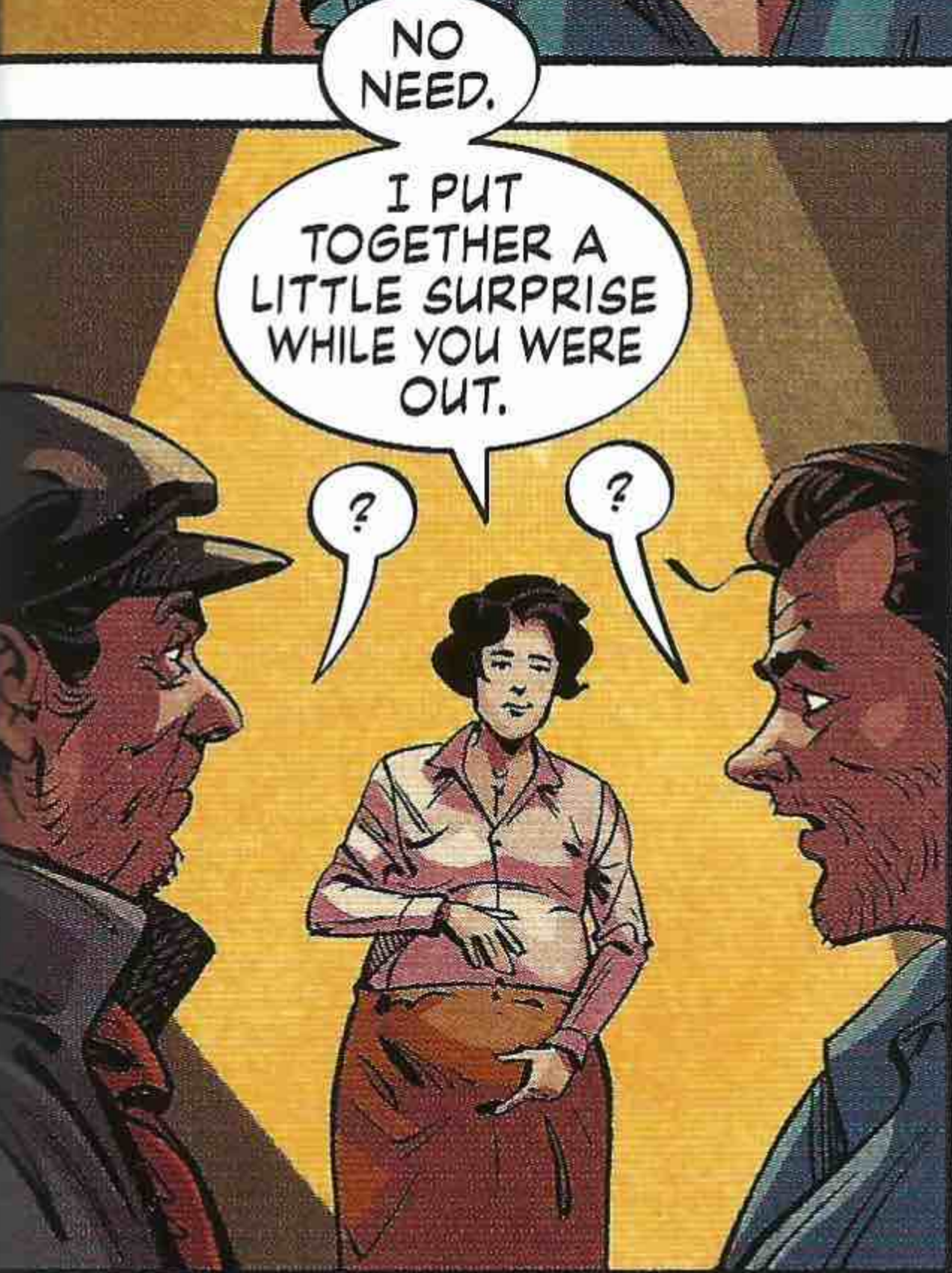


I'D MUG THE POPE FOR A SMOKE.



PLATANO!



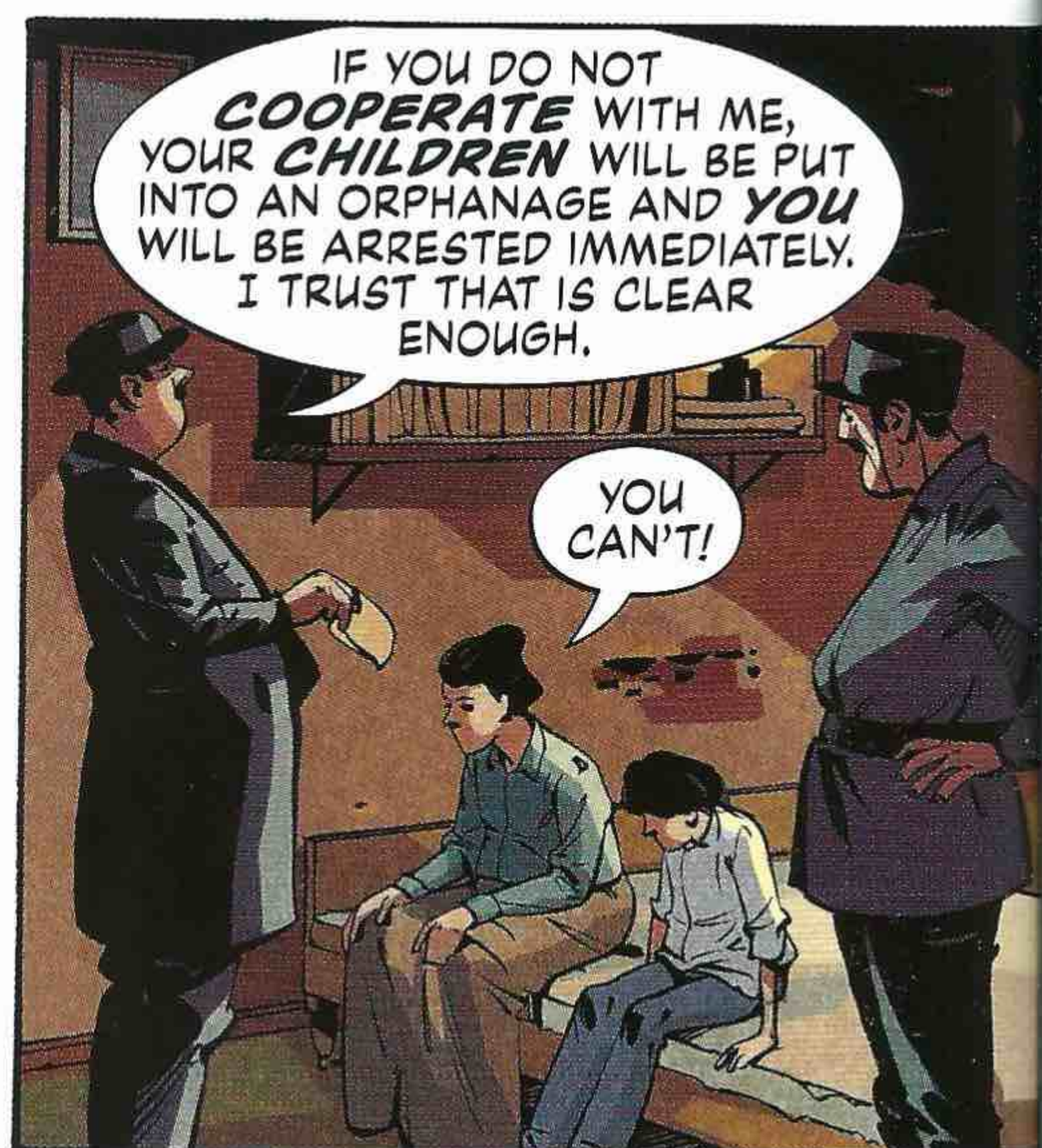




YOUR HUSBAND OCTAVE IS **DEAD**, MADAME.



I DO NOT WISH TO WASTE TIME MINCING WORDS.



IF YOU DO NOT **COOPERATE** WITH ME, YOUR **CHILDREN** WILL BE PUT INTO AN ORPHANAGE AND **YOU** WILL BE ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY. I TRUST THAT IS CLEAR ENOUGH.

YOU CAN'T!



I CAN AND I **WILL** DO SO WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

BUT I DON'T **KNOW** ANYTHING!

SNIFF



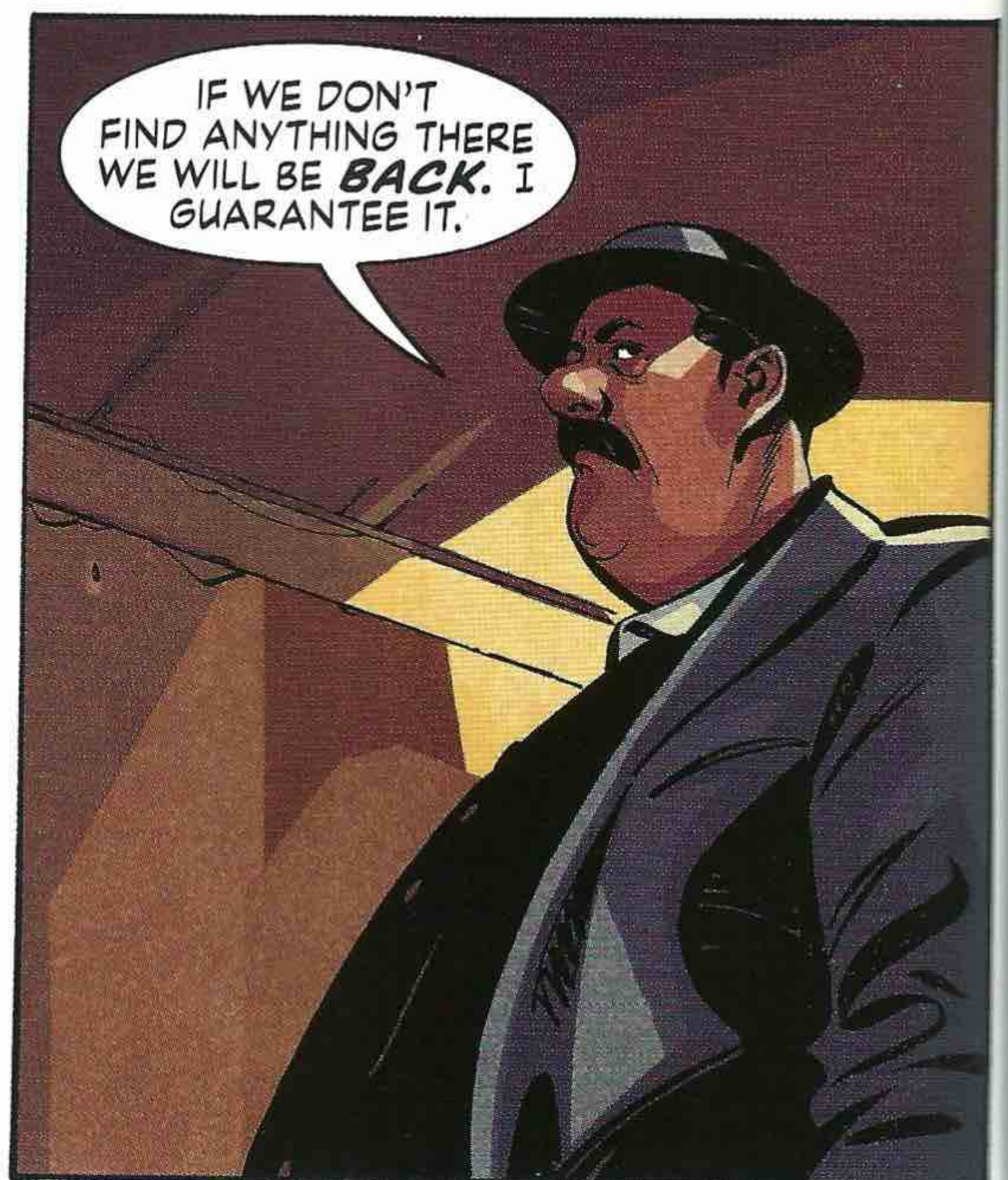
TAKE THE CHILDREN.



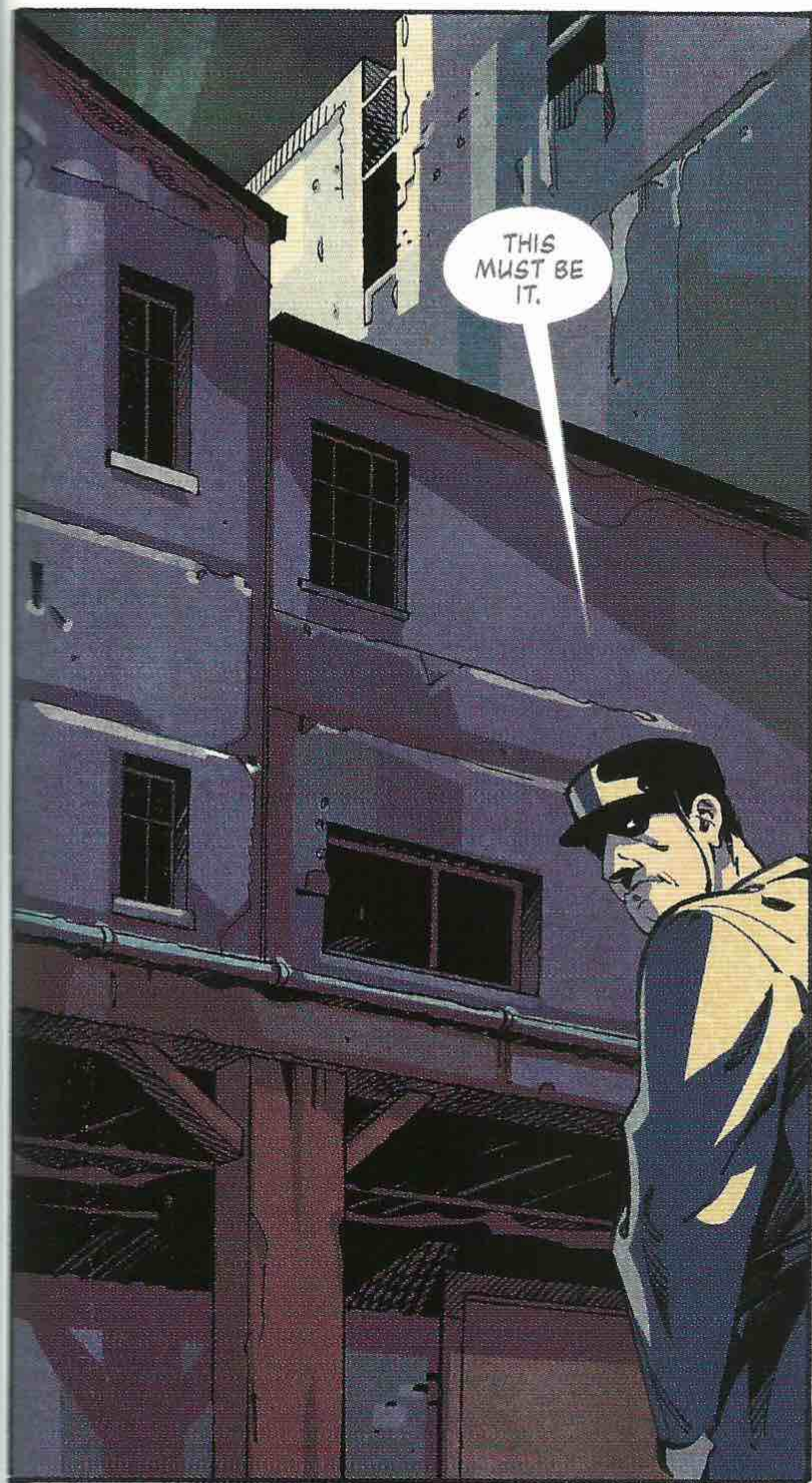
WAIT! ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE MET WITH SOME MEN AT A GARAGE THE OTHER DAY.

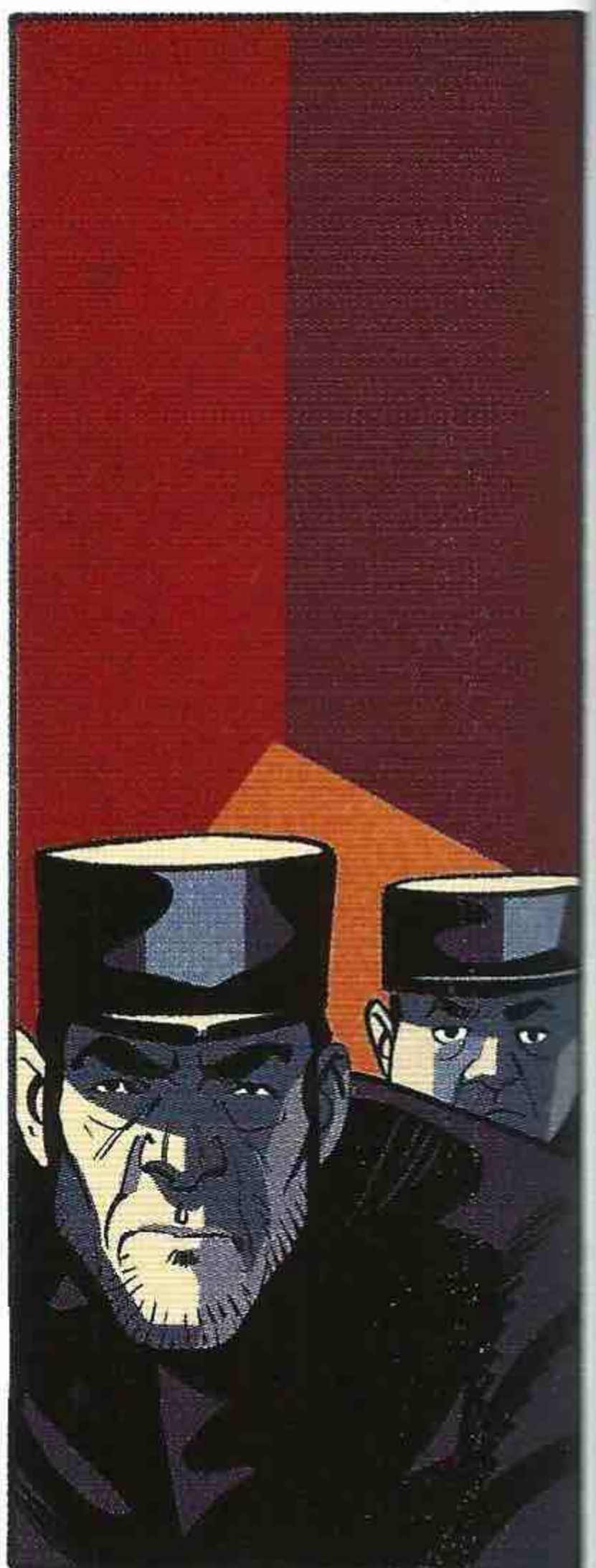
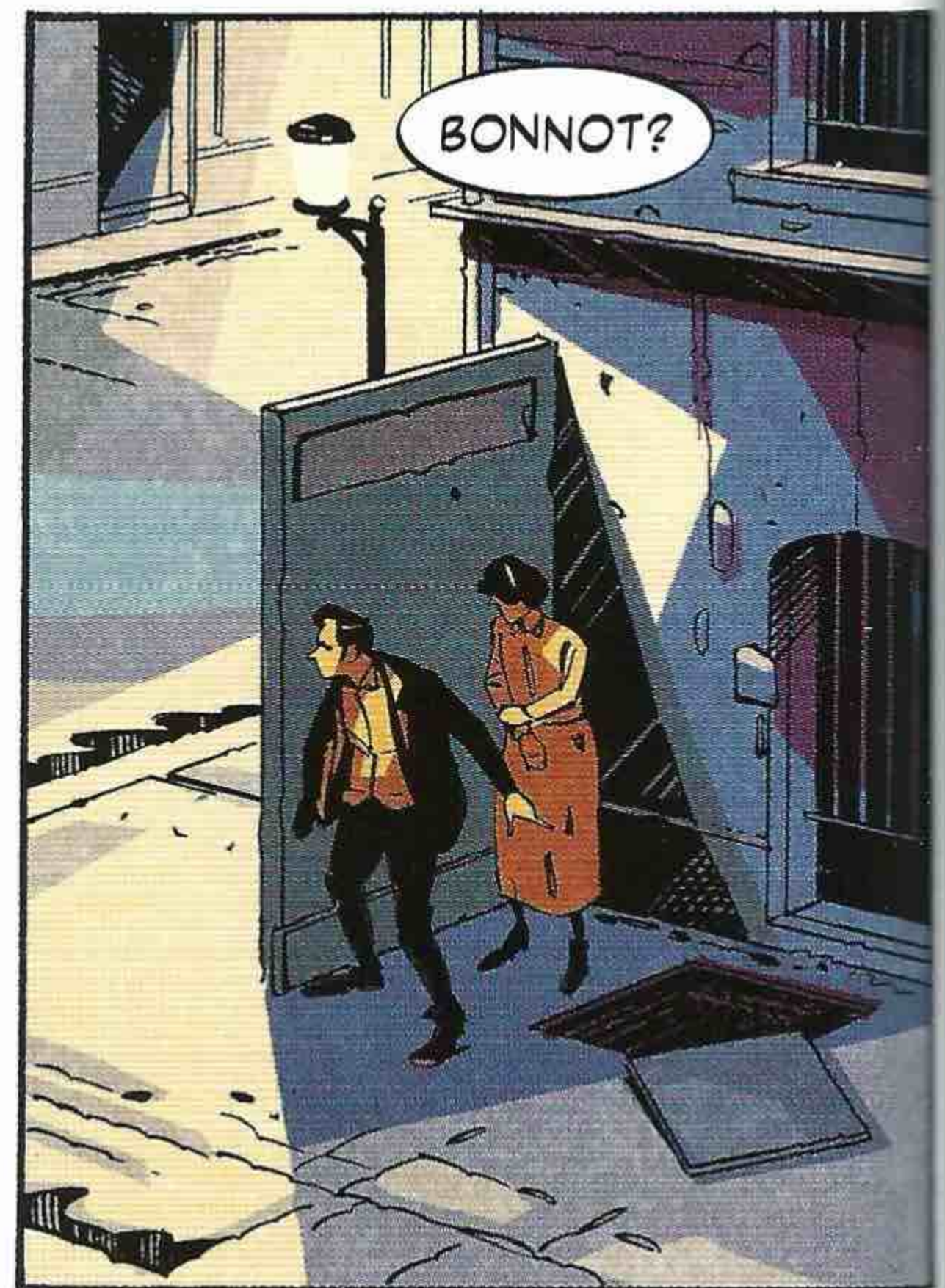
WHERE **WAS** THAT GARAGE?

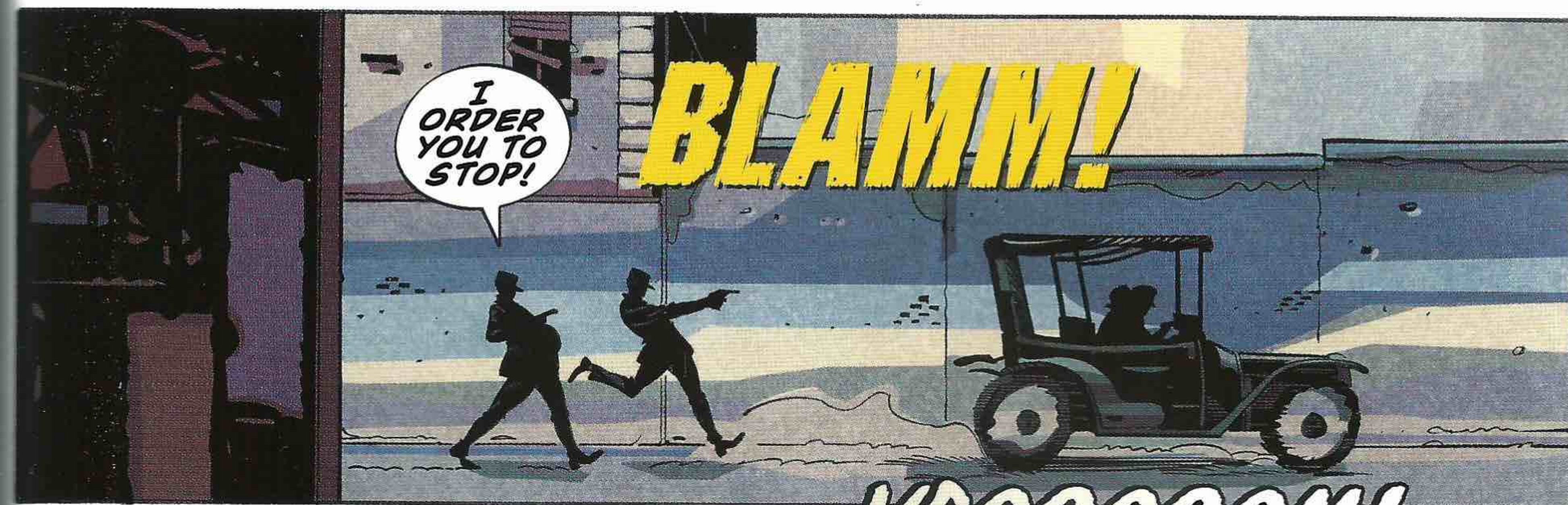
CORNER OF RUE DES ALLES AND RUE BASSE.



IF WE DON'T FIND ANYTHING THERE WE WILL BE **BACK**. I GUARANTEE IT.







I ORDER YOU TO STOP!

BLAMM!

VROOOOOM!



BETTER TELL GUICHARD.

YOU TELL HIM.



BONNOT!!



I SAID COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP, BONNOT!



OPEN IT.



THERE IS NO ONE HERE, SIR.

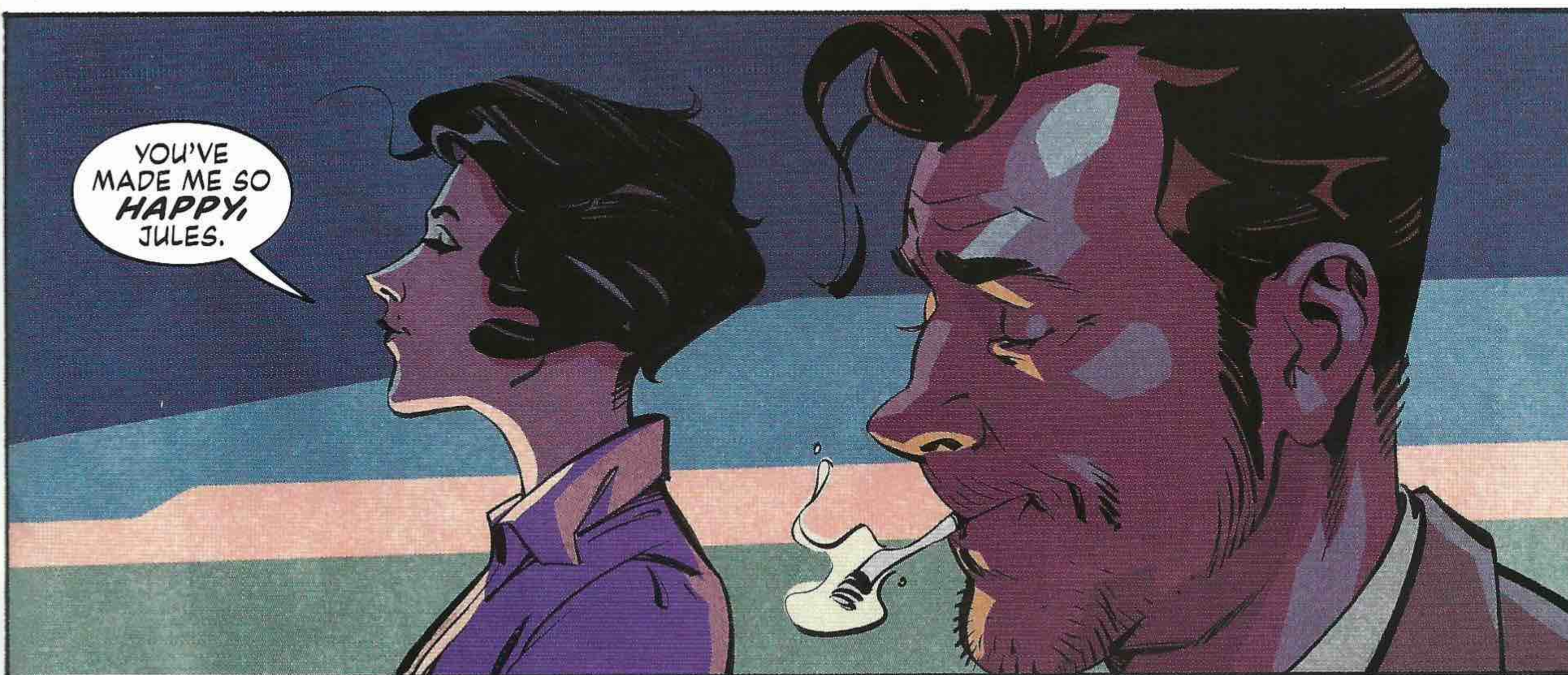


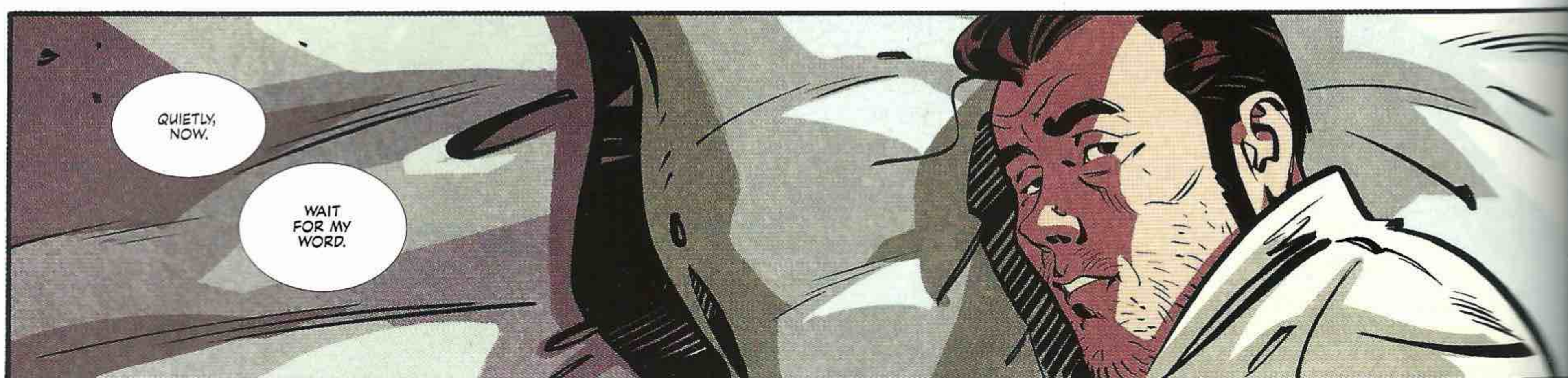
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY JUST LEFT.



THIS MAN IS TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME.

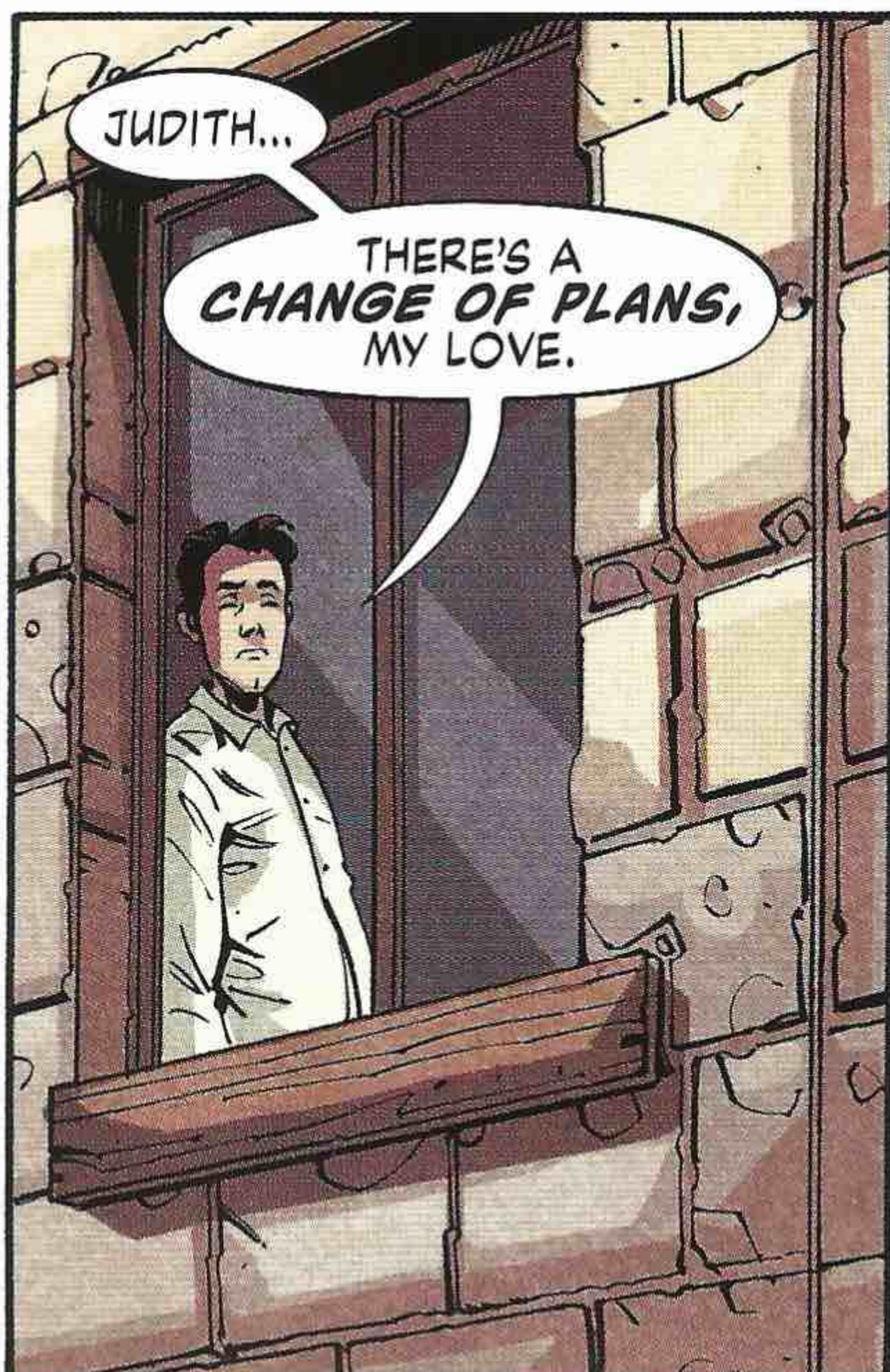






QUIETLY,
NOW.

WAIT
FOR MY
WORD.



JUDITH...

THERE'S A
CHANGE OF PLANS,
MY LOVE.



IS
PLATANO
HERE?

NO.

THE ENTIRE
FRENCH ARMY
IS.



LISTEN TO ME **CAREFULLY**. I WILL
ANNOUNCE TO THEM THAT I AM RELEASING
MY PREGNANT HOSTAGE. THEY WON'T SHOOT
YOU WITH ALL THOSE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS
AND CAMERAS OUT THERE. IF THEY ASK YOU
QUESTIONS, USE YOUR MOTHER'S ACTING
SKILLS. **CRY**...SAY AS LITTLE AS
YOU CAN.

YOU WERE
JUST WALKING DOWN
THE STREET WHEN I
GRABBED YOU. THE
POLICEMEN IN PARIS
WITNESSED IT.

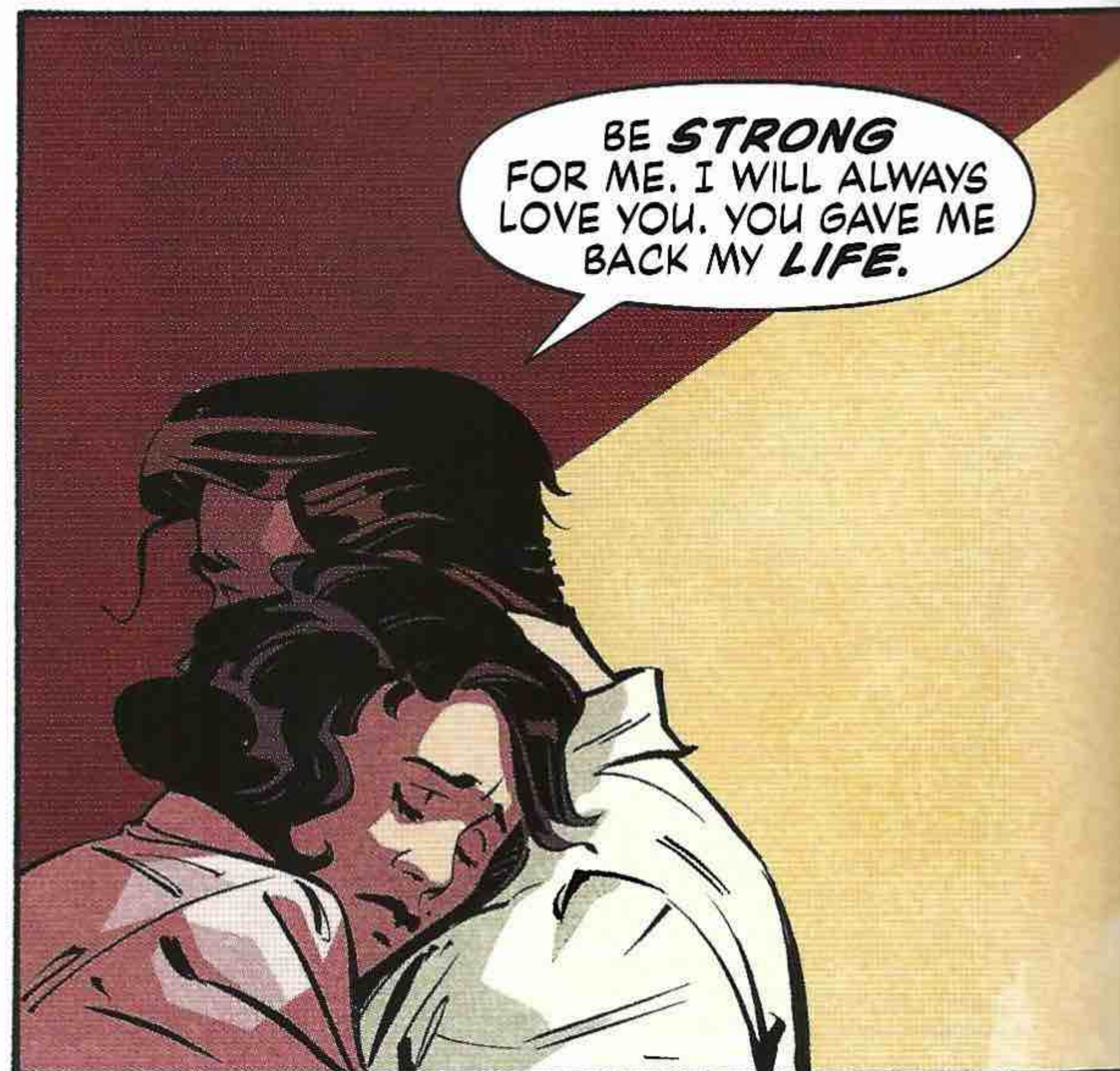
THEN, FIRST
CHANCE YOU GET,
SLIP AWAY.



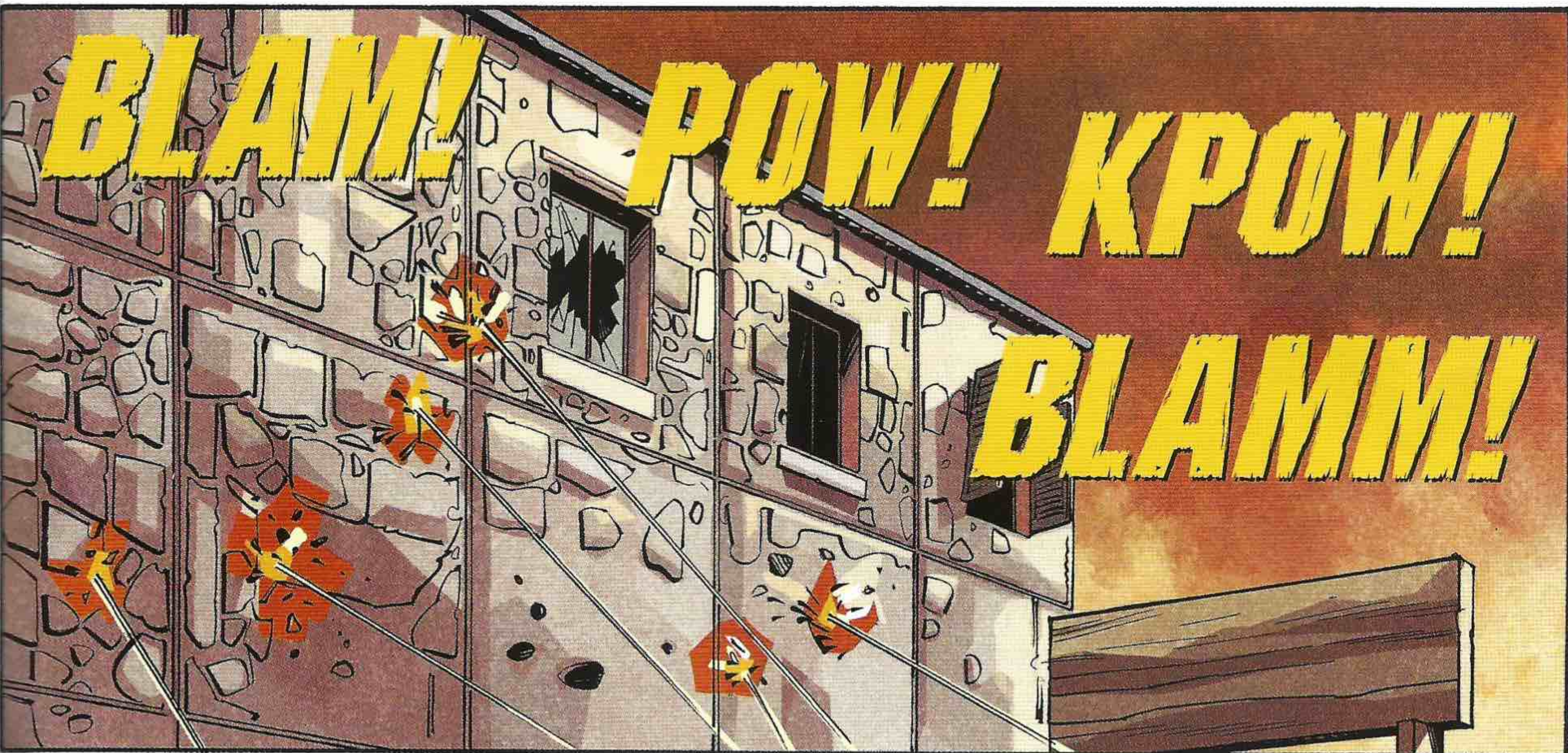
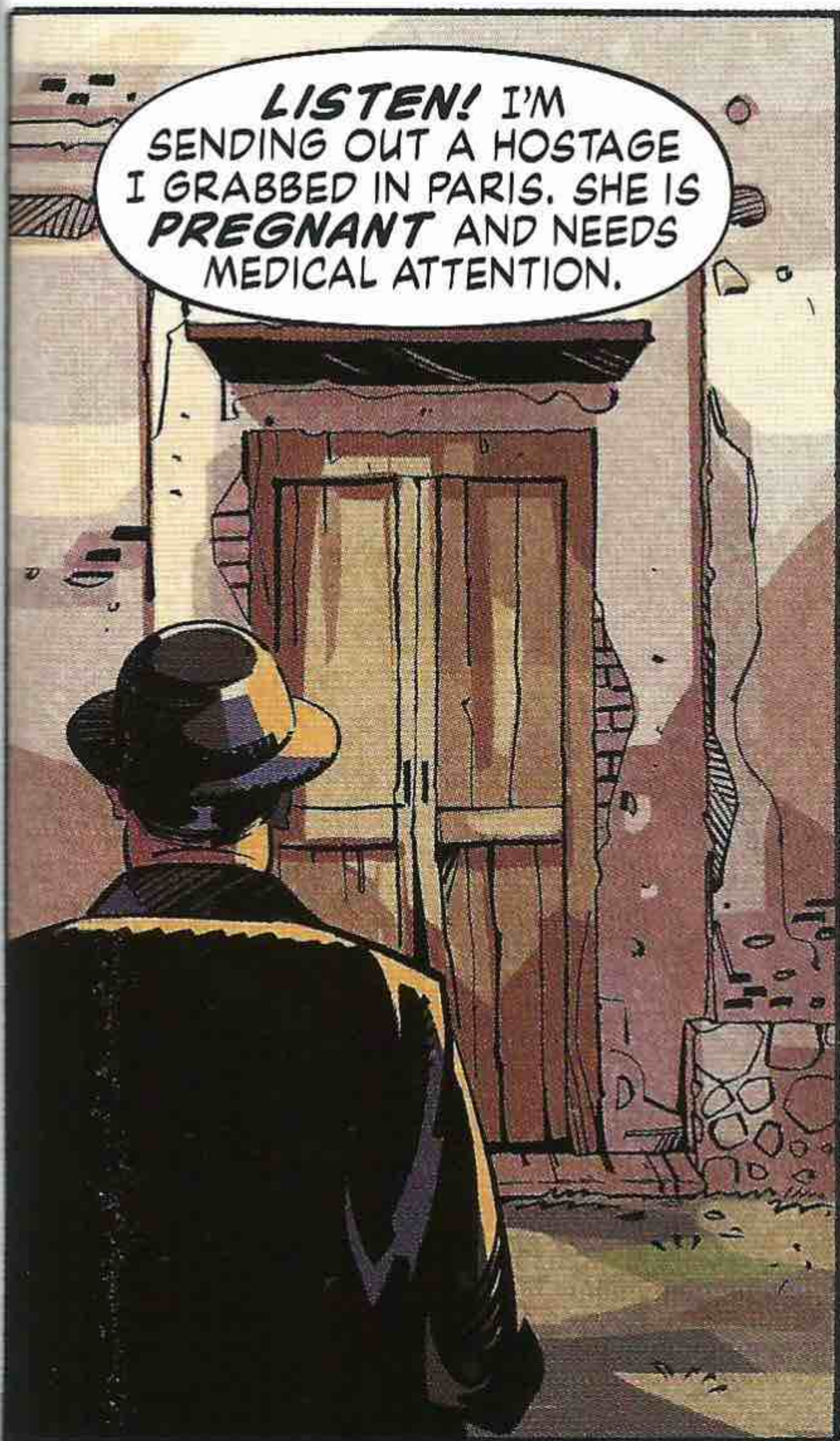
I
CAN'T
LEAVE.

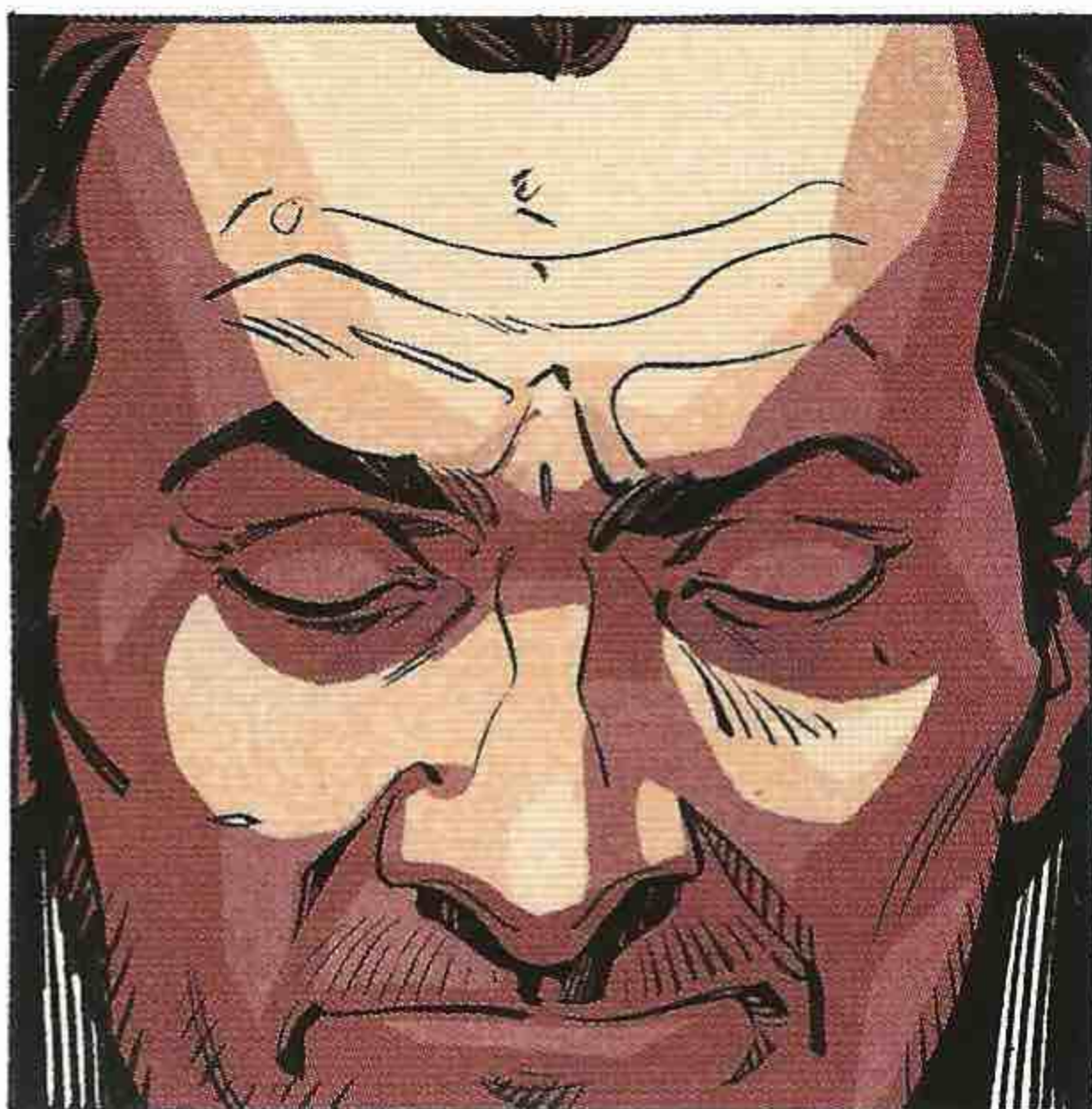
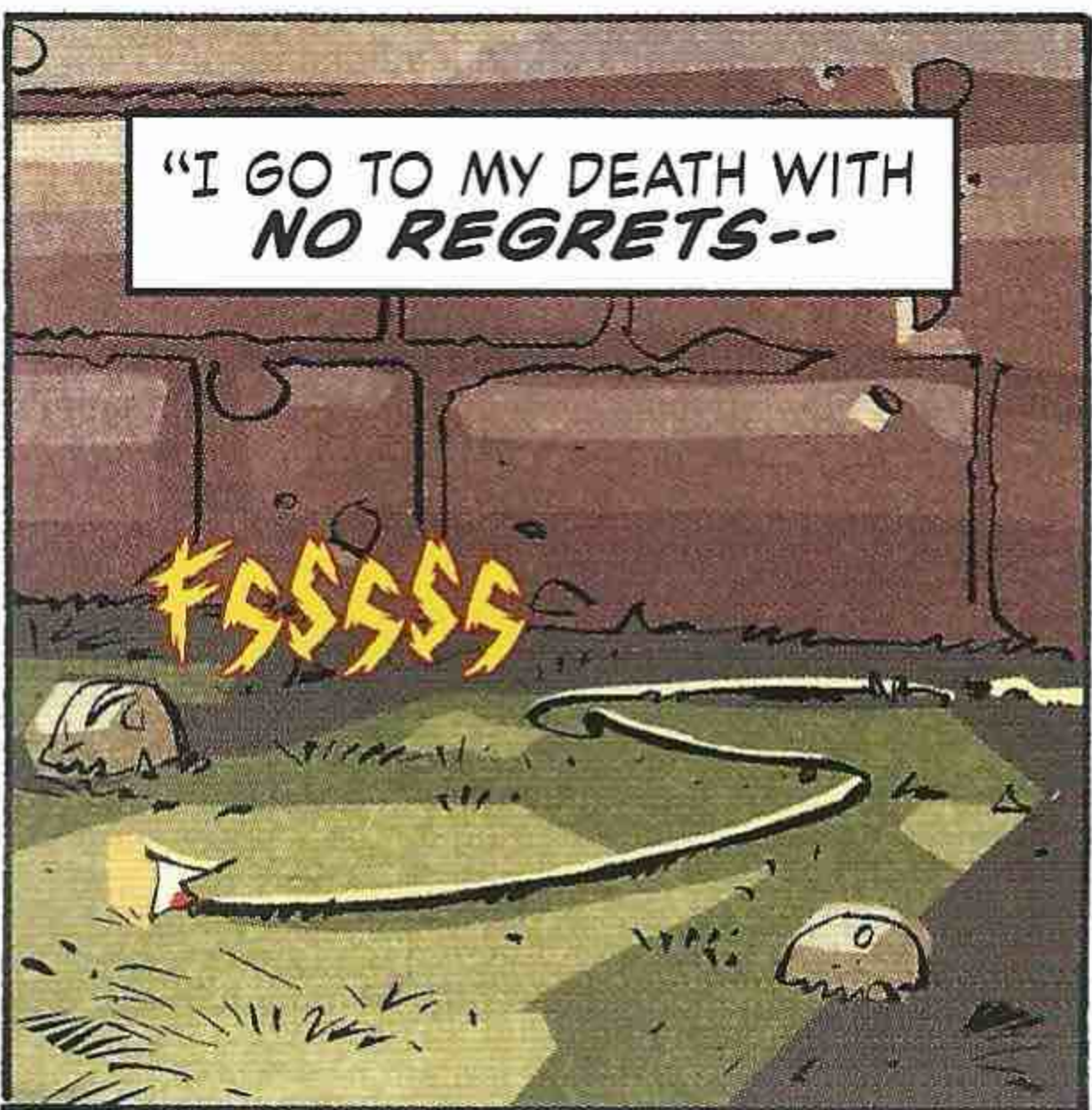
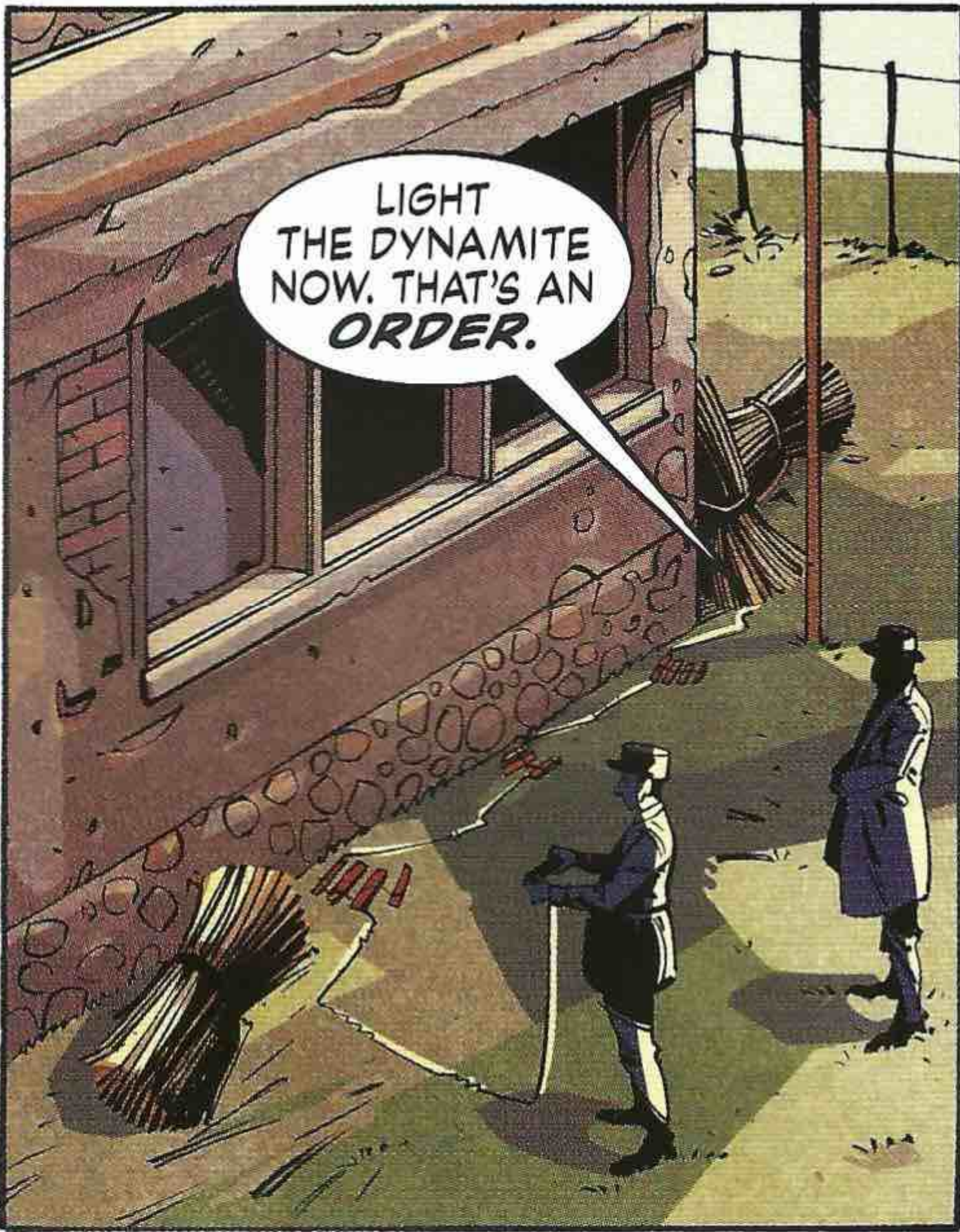
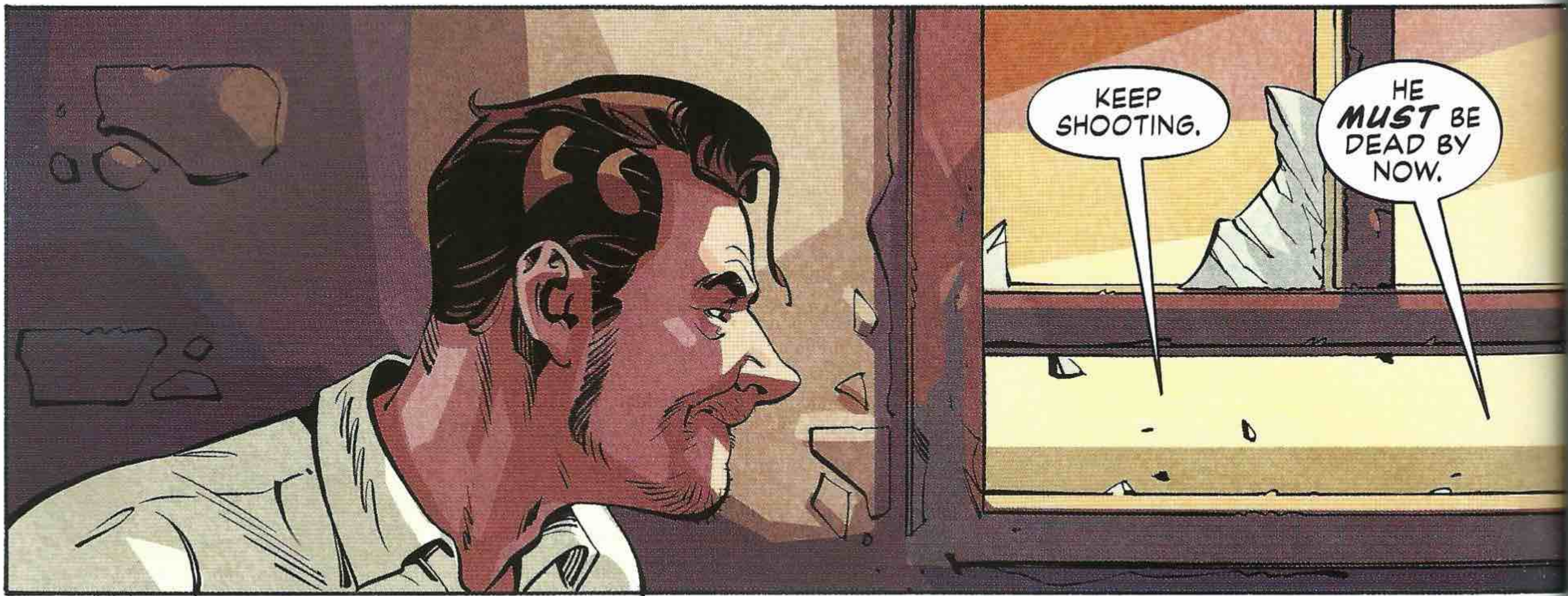
IT'S
THE ONLY
WAY.

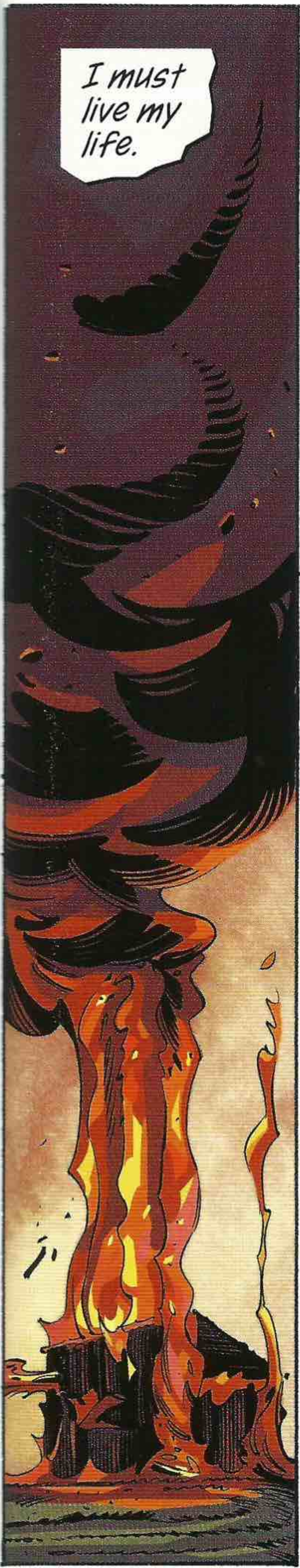
NO,
JULES, I
CAN'T!



BE **STRONG**
FOR ME. I WILL ALWAYS
LOVE YOU. YOU GAVE ME
BACK MY **LIFE.**







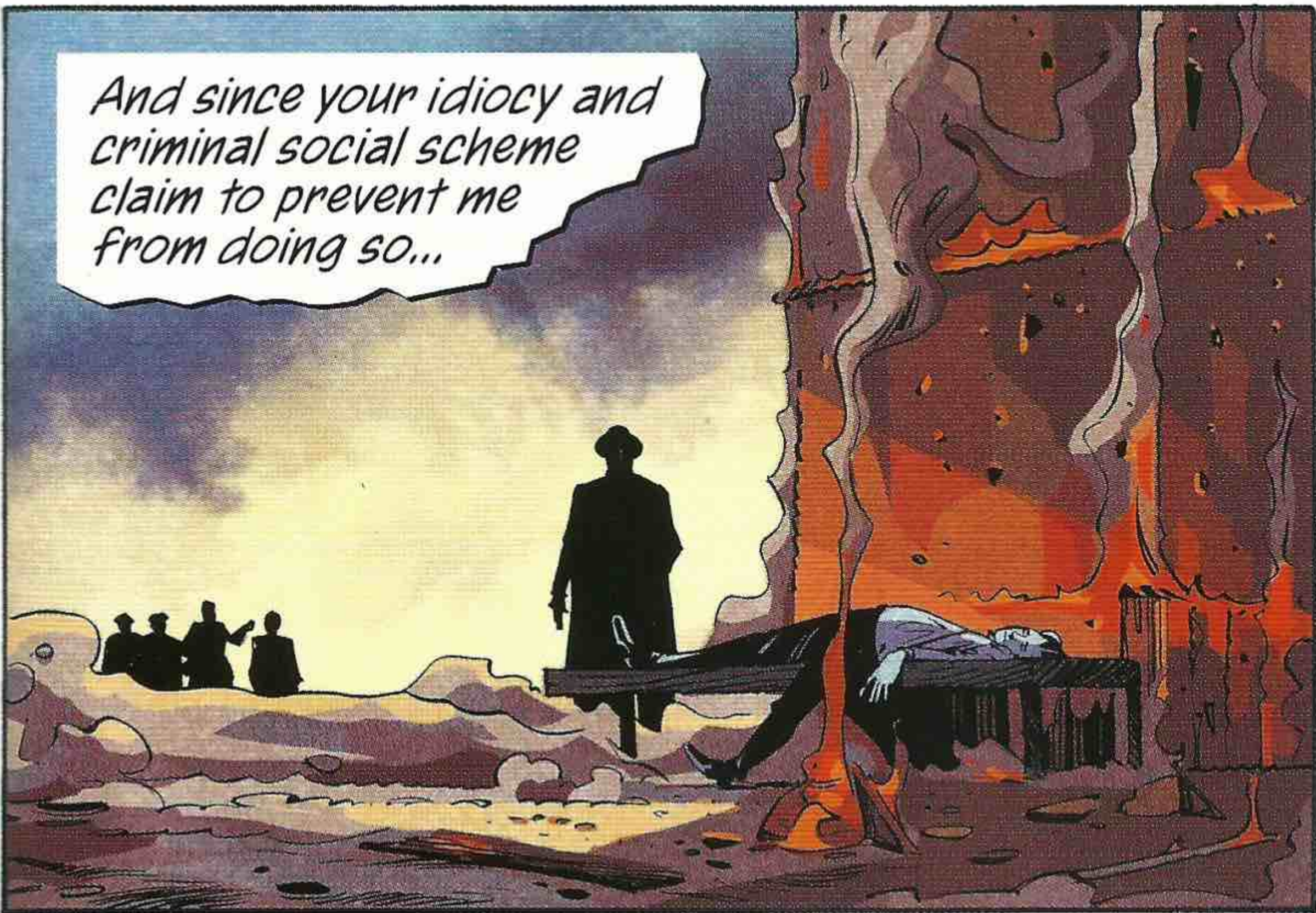
*I must
live my
life.*



*I have the
right to
live--*

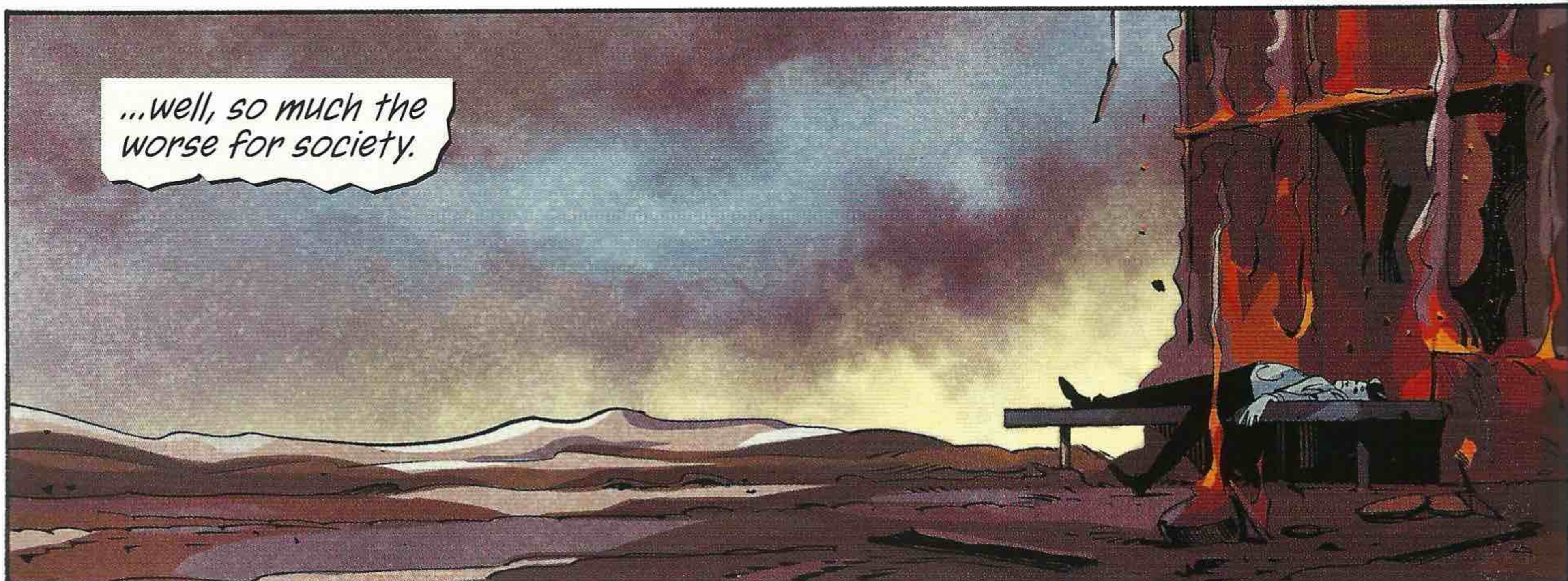
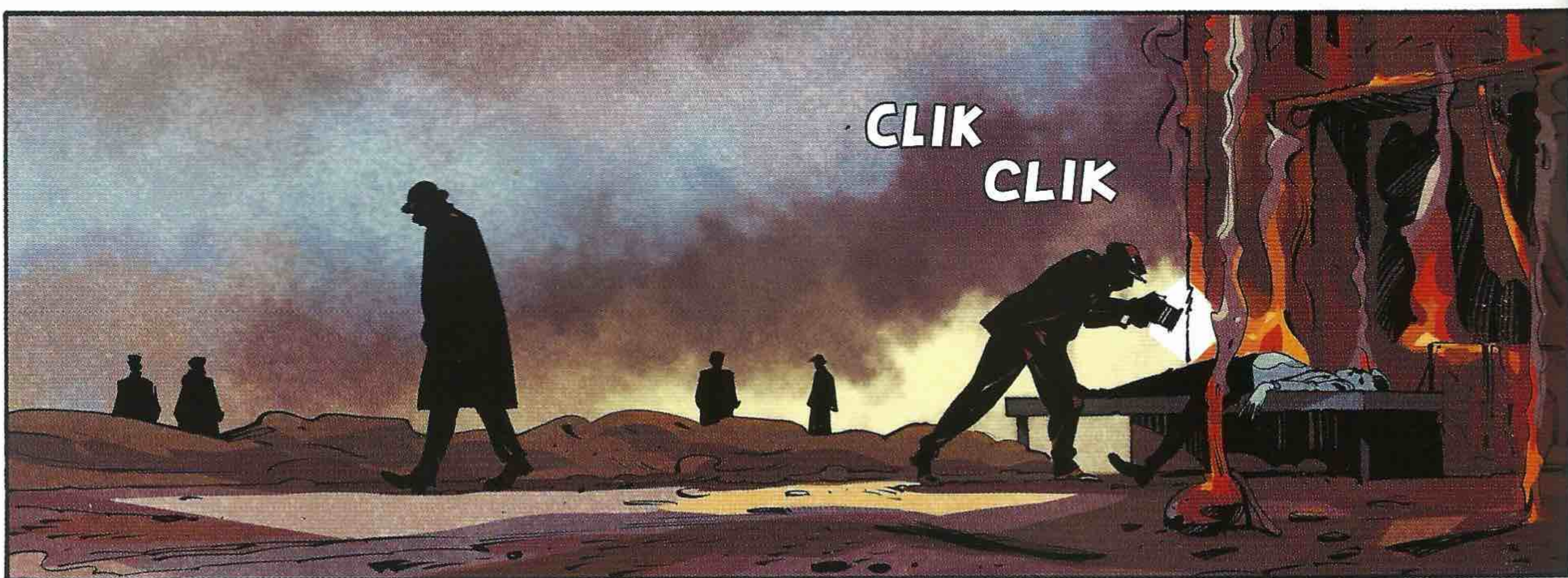
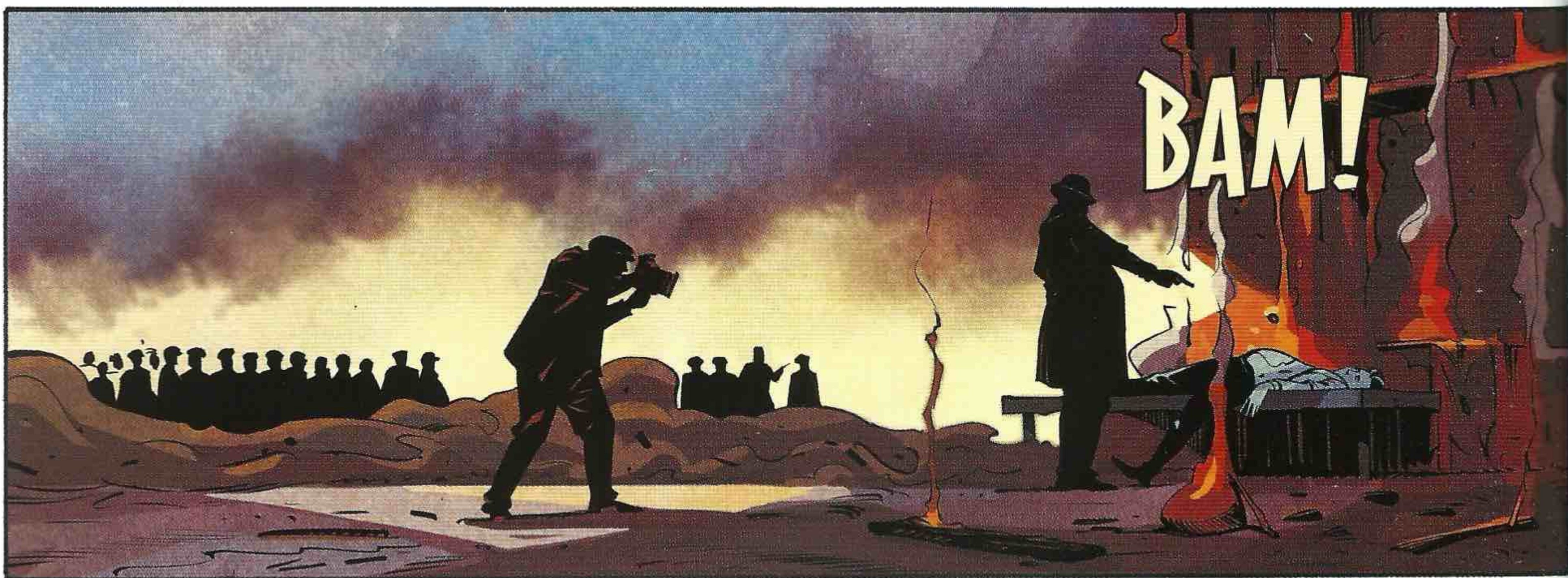


*--for every
man has
the right
to live.*



*And since your idiocy and
criminal social scheme
claim to prevent me
from doing so...*





So much the
worse for
you all!

THE END